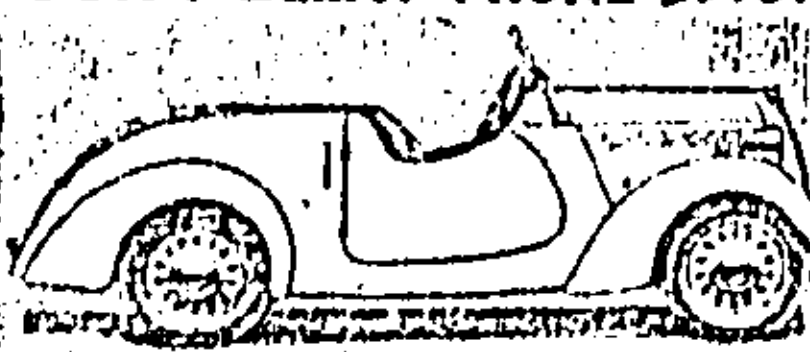


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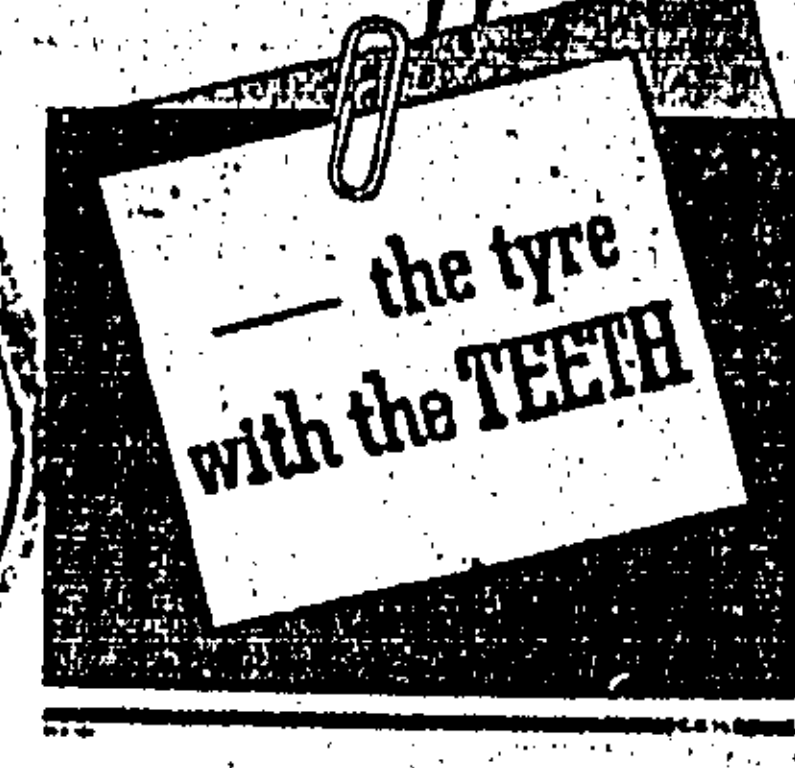
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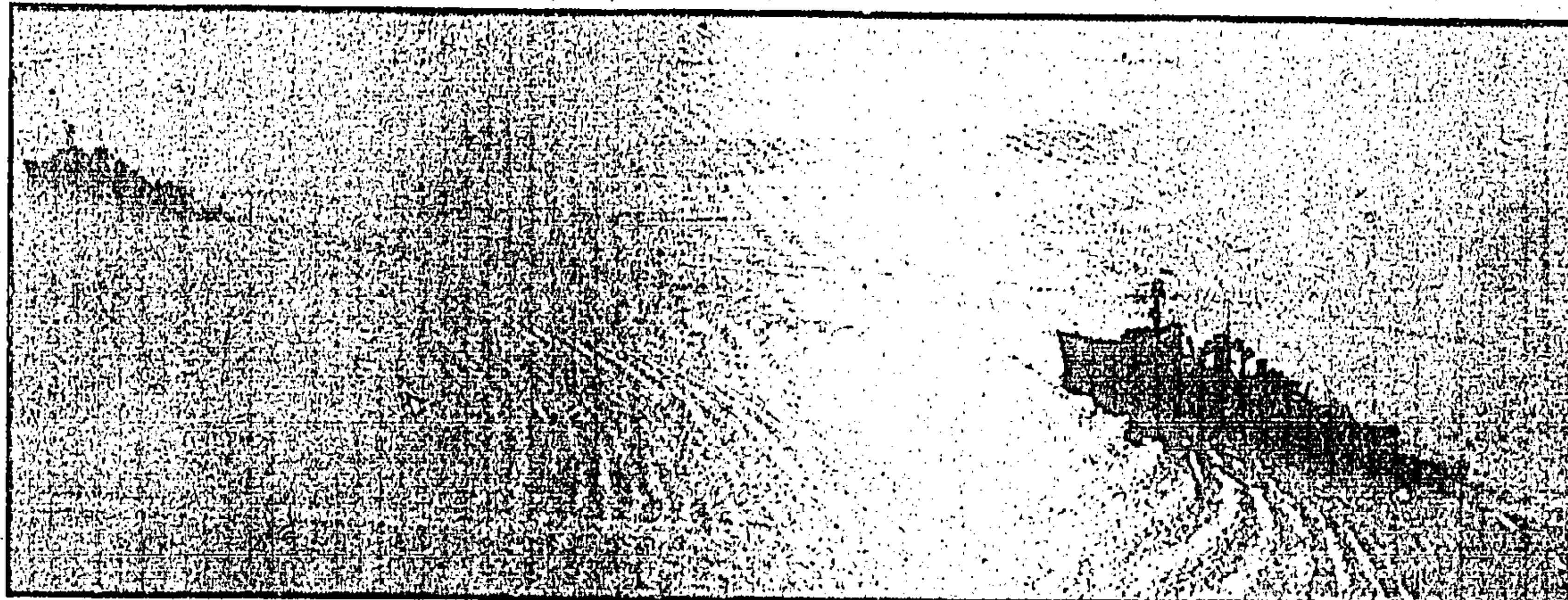
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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTEVIDEO, DEC. 18.—(UP).—RATHER THAN SUFFER THE HUMILIATION OF INTERNMENT FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR, HITLER LAST NIGHT ORDERED THE DESTRUCTION OF THE PRIDE OF THE GERMAN NAVY, THE 10,000-TON 'POCKET BATTLESHIP' ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE.

THE ORDER WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE'S COMMANDER, CAPTAIN LANGDORF, AT 7.25 P.M. (6.55 A.M. H.K.T.) TO-DAY.

THE ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE WAS DYNAMITED AND SCUTTLED FIVE MILES OFF MONTEVIDEO.



LIGHT CRUISERS OF THE GERMAN FLEET AT SEA.

WESTERN FRONT

ACTIVITY INCREASES

Important Attack
By Germans

PARIS, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—The Western Front is showing signs of increasing liveliness.

Further details of yesterday's German raid on a French post east of the Meuse show that it was of an important character and well-prepared.

A German company, which was probably reinforced by additional machine-guns, launched a split attack, finally forcing an entrance to the post and taking two prisoners.

Post Is Retaken

When the French re-entered the post, they found the body of a German non-commissioned officer, two machine-guns and one sub-machine gun.

This is taken, in the absence of news to the contrary, to mean that the Germans took their wounded with them.

The Germans are also active west of the Vosges Forest, sending out a number of patrols, which operated till nightfall.

These operations, according to the latest information, were without result.

"Nothing Important"

PARIS, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—A Paris communiqué states that there was nothing important to report.

Patrols In Action

PARIS, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—Chief activity on the Western Front is still against enemy patrols.

This morning's French communiqué states that there is nothing of importance.

The position of the main German concentrations has not changed in the last two months.

RUSSIAN BEATEN-UP

Cowardly Assault By
"Puppet" Police

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17 (UP).—It is reported that Tatso police beat up a Russian Inspector of the Chinese General Omnibus Company this morning following an argument between him and two Chinese civilians who are alleged followers of Wang Ching-wel.

The civilians refused to remove their bicycles from the bus. They called the Tatso police, when the Russian Inspector ordered their removal.

The Tatso police are reported to have beaten up the Inspector and to have taken him to the police station where he was released at noon following intervention by the Municipal police.

The warship weighed anchor shortly after 6 p.m., and cleared the Montevideo breakwater at 6.30 p.m., watched from the shore by a crowd of tens of thousands which included many of the British seamen released from her when she dashed into port on Thursday.

CAPTAIN'S LAST WORDS

Just before the warship left, Captain Langdorf turned to Uruguayan officials and said:

"I will try to clear the blockade.

"If I cannot I will sink my ship. Good-bye."

After clearing the breakwater the Admiral Graf Spee headed south.

At the estuary of the River Plate she stopped for half an hour whilst over 900 of her crew transferred to the 8,000-ton German freighter Tacoma.

The Commander remained aboard.

A few minutes later there were two terrific blasts.

The sides of the Admiral Graf Spee literally stove in, and the warship burst into flames from end to end.

DISAPPEARS FROM VIEW

Within a few seconds of the two explosions the pride of the German Navy had disappeared from view.

The Tacoma slowly headed back to Montevideo where, presumably, the crew of the Admiral Graf Spee will be interned for the duration of the war.

Contrary to earlier reports, neither the Renown nor the Ark Royal were off Montevideo, the vigil being maintained by H.M.S. Achilles, H.M.S. Ajax, H.M.S. Barham, H.M.S. Cumberland and the French cruiser Dunkerque.

But the battleship and aircraft-carrier were not far away.

They unexpectedly arrived at Rio de Janeiro on Sunday, bearing evidence of a forced crossing of the South Atlantic from Africa, where they had been previously reported last week.

Ask Dr. Goebbels

Thus, for the second time within ten days, comes indisputable confirmation of the fact that the Ark Royal was not sunk by the Nazis, despite the insistence of Goebbels' propaganda department and Zeesen Radio.

Significantly, Zeesen Radio has ceased ending its English sessions with the slogan: "Ask Mr. Churchill what has happened to the Ark Royal!"

The Ark Royal and the Renown arrived at Rio de Janeiro at 6.10 a.m., the giant aircraft-carrier docking two hours later in order to take on fuel and provisions.

Ten hours later the Ark Royal cleared Rio de Janeiro under forced draught and headed for Montevideo, where, as it turned out, her services were not required.

The Renown docked as soon as the Ark Royal left and commenced an all night job of re-provisioning and repairs.

PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

Exeter's Losses

Casualty List Issued
By Admiralty

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 17 (UP).—The Admiralty has issued an official list of the dead on board H.M.S. Exeter.

The names of the officers include:—

Lieutenant-Commander John Bowman-Mansfield

Midshipman John S. Rickard.

Paymaster Sub-Lieutenant Donald H. Tyler

Captain (Royal Marines) Humphrey R. D. Woods

Acting Sub-Lieutenant Clyde A. L. Morre (missing, believed killed.)

Those wounded include:—

Probationary Temporary Sub-Lieutenant Jack E. Causton

Acting Gunner Thomas Lynn

Paymaster Midshipman Leslie D. E. Needham and W. Penn-Gaskell

61 Killed, 23 Wounded

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that five officers were killed and three wounded, and that 56 ratings were killed and 20 wounded on H.M.S. Exeter during the engagement with the Graf Spee.



A.R.P. workers on their way to an air raid rehearsal. Uniforms similar to these are to be worn by all men and women engaged on A.R.P. duties.

Soviet Reverses Continue

FINNS STUBBORNLY HOLDING OUT

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—A communique issued to-day states that the advance continues slowly on the Tolvaajeri front.

All Soviet attacks on the Karelian Isthmus were repulsed and heavy losses were inflicted on the Russian battalions at Loimola.

It is semi-officially announced that 176 tanks were destroyed or captured since the war began.

Successful Resistance

PAIUS, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—Latest news here regarding the progress of the war in Finland shows that the Finns are successfully resisting the Russian attacks.

Near Lake Ladoga the Soviet attacks were repulsed.

In the north, the Russians are making headway in their attempt to cut the country in two.

At least two Russian columns are active with this aim in view, and the opinion here is that they will be dangerous to the future of the Finnish defence if they continue to make the present headway.

No Important Gains

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—General Wallenius, commanding the Finnish forces in the north, told a correspondent of the "National Tidende" that the Russians, after 15 days of war, have attained no object of military importance on that front.

The only gain of economic importance was Pihkari, north-east of Lake Ladoga, where are the big cellulose works.

The Russian strategy, he said, so far has been to cut off the Finnish supply lines.

Finns Destroy Soviet Army's Prestige NAZIS LOSE FAITH IN NEW ALLY: SWEDEN'S FEARS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 16 (UP).—Finland's stubborn resistance has dealt a severe blow to the prestige of the fabulous strength of the Soviet Russian armies. Throughout Europe, even in Germany, the reputation for invincibility of the huge Red military machine has been badly tarnished in the eyes of her neighbours.

By their valiant defence, the Finns have gone far to unmask the bugaboo and break the Russian steamroller. In one week, the tough little Finnish army has given the Red army reputation—a reputation enhanced by extreme secrecy—a distinct black eye.

This stubborn stand by the Finns against the colossal invader may have important political repercussions throughout Europe, and an effect on the future progress of the European war out of all proportion to the extent of this struggle.

On the Finnish aeroplane, on which I came from Sweden to Asbo from my original base on the Western Front, I talked with a young Finn who had lived in Berlin. He was returning to join the Finnish Army.

Germany's Doubts

He told me that the people of Germany are already beginning to ask themselves, "What is this so-called great military power with which we have allied ourselves, when little Finland can successfully resist? Maybe we didn't make such a good bargain after all in our pact with Russia."

He said the mass of people in Germany have been seized with apprehension about the encirclement of Russia in the Baltic. They feel that it is meant to be directed at and against Germany in the long run and will constitute a future menace to German security.

A Finnish girl travelled all the way from London on my plane to join the Finnish Women's Auxiliary Army. She was already dressed in high leather boots and breeches, and hoped to go into service immediately.

80,000 Women War Workers

"We can work behind the lines which will release more men for service. Our organization numbers more than 80,000 women already. We do whatever work is necessary in order to put more men with rifles on the front line," she said.

At Asbo, workmen were busily boarding up windows as protection against bomb blasts. The streets were swarming with men, smart-looking soldiers in long grey overcoats. In every town along the railroad from Asbo to Helsingfors, there was visible evidence of military preparations.

The train itself was on a regular schedule, faster than most trains in England these days.

War's Darkest Blackout

Upon arrival in Helsingfors, I found the most complete blackout I have ever experienced. There were no lights at all.

NAZI PLANE RAIDS ON EAST COAST

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announced that enemy aircraft appeared at several points off the East Coast late in the afternoon.

A.A. guns were fired for a short time in the Humber district.

Fighters engaged the enemy and pursued them out to sea.

No air-raid warning was sounded.

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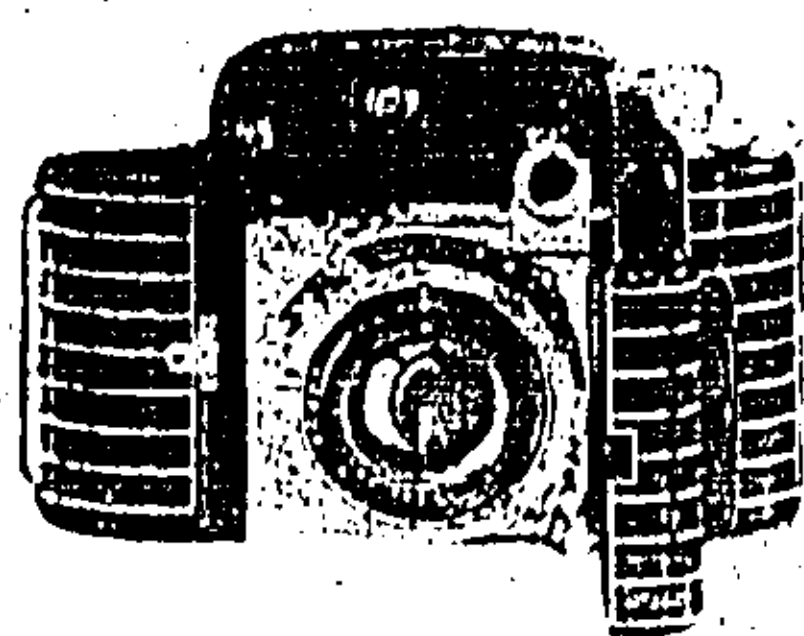
All Graf Spee Crew Safe

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 17 (UP).—The German Legation here has announced that all the crew of the Admiral Graf Spee are safe.

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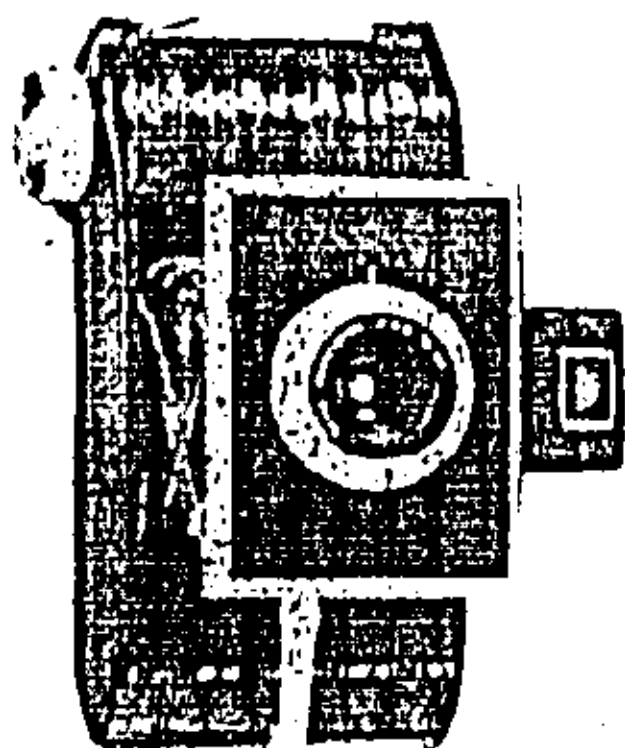
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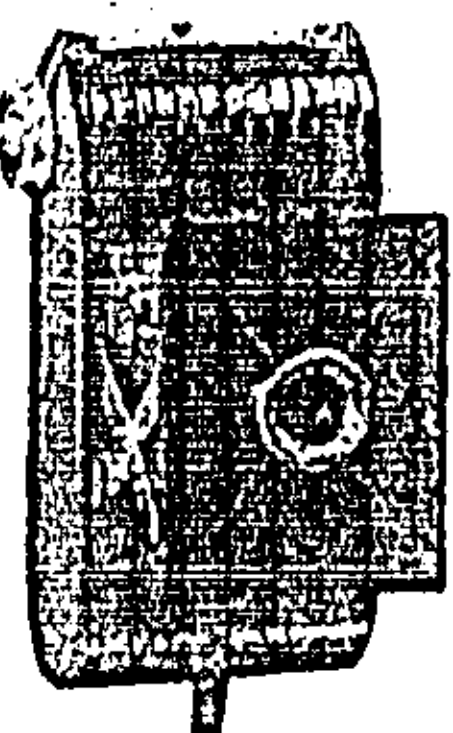
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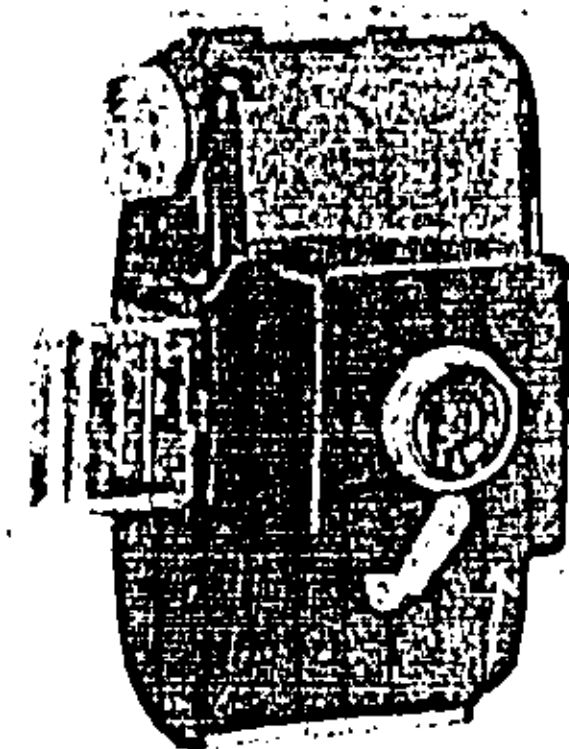
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ABSENCE OF RAIDS

WEIGHTY FACTS FOR GOERING

By Major F. A. de V. Robertson

LONDON.

One is constantly asked why there has hitherto been no whole-hearted air action by the bomber forces of either side. As regards our own reasons we cannot go beyond what the Prime Minister said in his broadcast recently. Our bomber force will be used at the proper time—that is to say, when it can be used with the greatest effect.

A bomber force is a sort of general reserve and is the most flexible of all arms. When a land battle is in progress its proper function is to attack the back areas of the enemy's army and hamper the moving up of reinforcement and munitions. It can at a moment's notice be switched over to attack factories and industrial areas. It can help the fleet, as the R.A.F. did when it raided Wilhelmshaven and badly damaged the Graf Spee, and as the Germans tried to do when they raided the Firth of Forth.

Our own bomber force, already strong, grows stronger every day as the factories turn out more machines and the training schools turn out more crews. When the time comes to use it will be a very formidable striking force.

The German Air Force

As for the Germans' abstention from mass attacks on Britain and France, one can only make conjectures. But it is remarkable that, whereas the German Navy has abandoned all the rules of civilized warfare, the German Air Force has hitherto scrupulously respected them—apart from the dropping of mines by parachute. There have been no attempts to bomb residential areas, and in the raids on convoys the bombs have almost certainly been aimed at the naval escort ships—quite legitimate targets—and not at the merchantmen.

It may be that the German authorities are fully alive to the vulnerability of their country. The Ruhr, for instance, on which about 60 per cent of German heavy industries are based, is very vulnerable; and it may be that so far the Germans have shrank from provoking a great competition in bombing practice.

Inferior Equipment

They may conceivably also be restrained by tactical considerations. There is not the least doubt that in both bombers and fighters the German Air Force is less well equipped than the R.A.F. Taking bombers first, we have adopted the policy that bombers must be able to defend themselves, and, realising the difficulty of holding a machine-gun steady in the rush of air at the present speeds of aircraft, we have fitted our bombers with gun turrets which are operated by the power of the engines, so that the gunner can swing his gun and himself in any direction without exertion.

The German bombers have not got power-operated turrets. They decided that bombers must rely on speed and evasion, and they have been proved wrong. They cannot beat off our fighters, while our bombers have frequently driven off German fighters and have sometimes shot them down.

In fighters also we have a clear advantage. Our eight-gun fighters have been a great success, greater even than we had hoped. The German fighters have only four guns. Moreover, since the French captured a Messerschmitt 109 and tested it in mock combat against their own machines we have learnt that it is a bad aeroplane. Both the Curtiss and the Morane proved their superiority to the Messerschmitt, and we know that the Hurricane is better than either of the French fighters. All these considerations may well give pause to Field Marshal Goering.

Of course designers are busy on both sides. We must expect better German types to appear, but we shall also have better types to meet them. Finally, there is a difference in the men. There is a description for the German Air Force, but none for the R.A.F.

U.S. Labour Wants German Boycott

CINCINNATI.

A recommendation that the trade union boycott against German and Italian goods be reaffirmed is made in the annual report of the American Federation of Labour, issued to-day.

"We protest," it says, "against the persecution of minorities in the totalitarian nations. We protest against racial persecution and the development of racial hate. We plead for democracy and tolerance among all the people in all nations throughout the world."

"We favour our nation offering our mediation services for peace, states, and we hope that the warring countries may be prevailed upon to accept them."

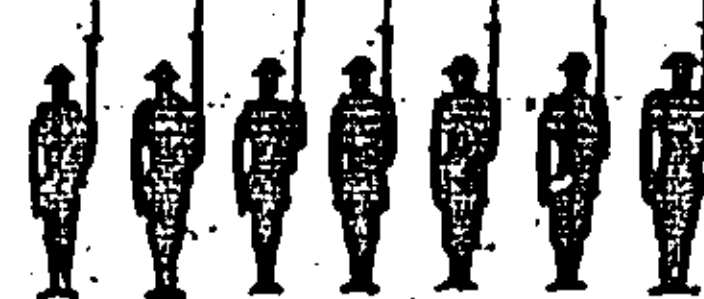
It is emphasised that the report was drafted before Germany's "peace offensive" opened, and the Federation is therefore in no way supporting Hitler's attempt to bring about the end of hostilities.

NEW YEAR FIREWORKS

Merrymakers greeting the New Year will not be hampered by restrictions on the use of fireworks as permission has been given for fireworks to be discharged from 11.45 p.m. on December 31 to 12.15 a.m. on January 1.

Somewhere in France

SECRETS of the transport of the British Expeditionary Force—revealed by Mr. Hore-Belisha, Secretary for War, in the House of Commons.

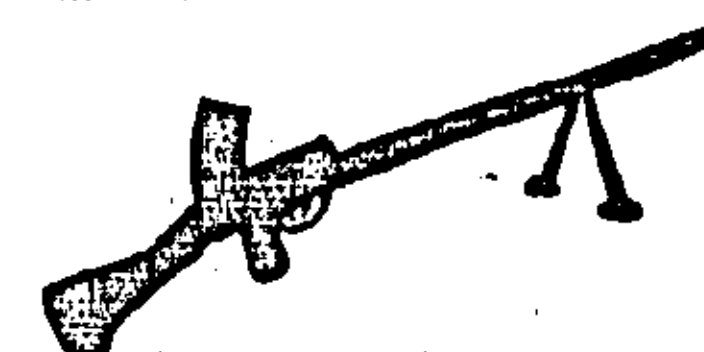


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First Man To Fight In Air Mexican Battle Recalled

NORFOLK, (UP).—Capt. Patrick N. L. Bellinger, commanding officer of the U.S. Naval air station here, piloted the first airplane struck by bullets in combat.

While flying at a low altitude over Vera Cruz during the Mexican trouble in 1914, Bellinger's Curtiss pusher seaplane was hit by bullets fired by ground troops.

Bellinger also is believed to be the first aviator to attack enemy soldiers from the air, even though the "boom" he dropped was a cake of soap. Bellinger became angry when ground troops fired at his ship and he threw at them the first thing he could lay his hands on—a cake of soap.

The incident involving his plane when he first was shot at is mentioned in a recently published book, "Navy Men," by James Connolly, an old shipmate of Bellinger.

It was not until Bellinger had landed that he realised what a close call he had. Examination of the ship revealed three holes, bored by bullets in the fuselage of the plane.

The purpose of Bellinger's hops over Mexico were for observation.

Flying a plane in those days was a tough job. The old seaplane he flew had a top speed of about 60 miles an hour and its ceiling was about 1,000 feet.

Fighting back was almost out of the question. Keeping the plane in the air required all the pilot's time.

Many descendants of the old pusher type seaplane now are under Bellinger's command. But these craft, with their incredible speed, remarkable manoeuvrability and bristling guns, bear little resemblance to their ancestors.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The auditorium of Hop Yai Church was filled to its capacity on Saturday evening when the joint choir of Christ Church's Mandarin Service and Hop Yai Church presented a choral concert. The programme was in two parts, the first comprising selections from "The Creation," by Haydn, and the second, a variety of Christmas carols.

The recital will be repeated on December 20 at St. Andrew's Church.

UNIVERSITY CONCERT

The Hongkong University will hold its annual Christmas Carol Concert in the Great Hall of the University at 9 p.m. next Sunday, December 24.

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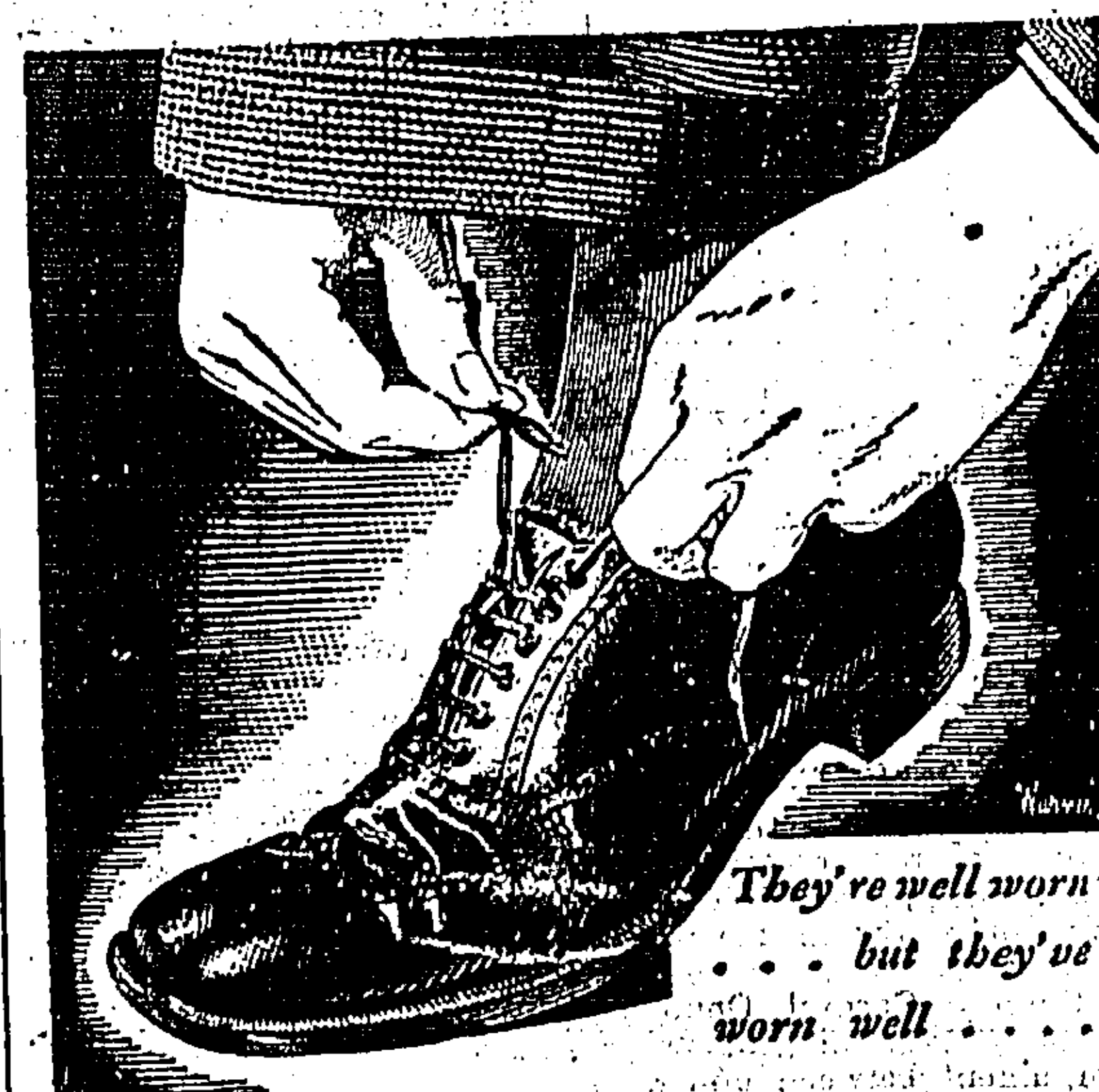


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["Louisville Times," U.S.A.]

Parcel Post to Reich Stopped

WASHINGTON.—Parcel post service from the United States to Germany—which designation includes Danzig and Czechoslovakia—was suspended by the Post Office Department

recently because of the lack of adequate transport facilities. Parcel post to the area which formerly was Poland has been suspended some 10 days previously.

Upset Stomach Quickly Put Right

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It appeared that the question of sending contraband through the mails did not figure in the decision, for package containing food which the British consider to be conditional contraband, and money which is absolute contraband on the British list, have been going through to Germany since the outbreak of war. The Post Office sought, by routing its parcels through Italian ports to avoid search by the British Navy, which occurred in a few isolated cases.

Any parcels already mailed will be returned to the senders.

R.A.F. MAINTAINS A LONELY AIR VIGIL

From A Special Correspondent ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Nearly every day since the beginning of the war bombers of the Royal Air Force have been flying high over Germany.

Their task is reconnaissance. From the immense heights to which they climb they can see below them the white villages standing out sharply against the green fields of Western Germany, the steeply escarped slopes which drop into the great rivers and their tributaries, and the grey industrial agglomerations which work day and night to strengthen the sinews of the German Army.

Below the path of the bomber is a net-work of enemy anti-aircraft batteries and fighter airfields, while high in the clouds above the great cities is the balloon barrage. The orders of the day to the bomber are to avoid contact with the enemy so far as possible, and when attacked to make its escape as best it can.

The gunner scans the heavens ceaselessly for signs of enemy aircraft. Above and around him is a strong celluloid dome which gives him a clear vision for leagues.

The observer is concerned with navigation and with the handling of the photographic apparatus.

The shutter clicks and the film records the secrets of the enemy many thousands of feet below.

The camera is a relatively simple device and of entirely British construction.

According to British experts, the results which it has given are able to challenge comparison with those of the more elaborate and heavy mechanisms evolved by the Germans. Even when the photographs are taken from immense heights they show with astonishing clarity every detail of the land below. Trucks may be seen in railway sidings, while the constant movement of troops and barges on the greater rivers is faithfully recorded, their direction being given by the faint smudge of grey which shows the wash.

A Pilot's Heroism

The pilot handles the machine and is the last to leave in case of misadventure. Many instances of individual heroism are told. On one occasion a machine was forced down somewhere in France after an en-

JACK PAYNE'S DIVORCE

JACK PAYNE, the dance band leader, is petitioning for divorce.

His wife, Mrs. D. A. Payne, is defending the suit.

They were secretly married in 1924 after only a few weeks' courtship.

Mr. Payne met his wife, daughter of Col. H. H. Pengroo, at Folkestone, where he was playing for the summer season.

After the wedding she went back to live with her parents until the season ended, and then came to London with her husband.

He had not then achieved the fame which was later to be his as the first band to broadcast.

engagement over Germany. Orders were given to "bail out." The gunner escaped through a trap in the bottom, but the observer's parachute apparatus became momentarily entangled.

The pilot lost several precious seconds straightening out the knots and kicking the observer overboard to safety. By then he was too late to save himself and he fell amid the ruins of his machine.

The interpretation of aerial photographs is a task requiring much skill and experience. Sometimes it is difficult to establish exactly where the photographs were taken.

Faulty navigation, which is wholly pardonable under adverse weather conditions, sometimes results in photographs being taken of areas quite different from those which the pilot had intended.

Sometimes these errors mean a pure waste of time; at others they prove to be of utmost value.

Although all pilots are instructed to avoid the best defended areas and to take unexpected routes, one aeroplane not long ago was blown off its course and flew straight over one of the most vital military districts in Germany, returning home with a series of photographs the value of which may never be surpassed in this war.

Nerve-Racking Task

It is a nerve-racking task, this lonely reconnaissance.

The fliers, hundreds of miles from friendly territory, are constantly on the watch against anti-aircraft fire and enemy fighters.

All airmen speak of the sense of unreality which overcomes them on the burst of anti-aircraft shells.

Smoke puffs appear in the air beside them, but the noise of engines is such that the explosions are inaudible.

The immediate reaction is surprise mingled with anger at the impertinence of the gunners below.

Sometimes surprise and anger are snuffed out for ever. The German anti-aircraft gun can be accurate.

On the whole the enemy's fighters have given little trouble. British airmen are not given to exaggerate the powers of the legendary Messerschmitt.

The test is not yet complete because engagements have been rare, but the general impression seems to be that the Messerschmitt is difficult to handle and too heavy to bear comparison with the latest British type, particularly at high altitudes.

This is attributed not so much to faulty material as to inferiority of design.

Ex-Kaiser 'Banned Gas Bombs'

GAS bombs were not dropped on London in the last war because the Kaiser forbade it at the last moment—so says Mr. Edward J. Bing, journalist, soldier and traveller, in his autobiography "Of the Meek and the Mighty."

In Berlin, after the war, a former Zeppelin commander told him the Germans had perfected a deadly gas bomb.

"And why was it never used?" asked Mr. Bing.

"Well," said the commander, "my bombs were provided with the Zeppelin immediately the invention was completed, and I had orders to drop them on London."

Just In Time

"We were all set to take off, and I was just going into the gondola when a phone call came through for me from Spa."

"G.H.Q. this end. That Captain O? Glad I got you in time. You are on no account to take those gas bombs with you. S.M. (for Seine Majestat, His Majesty, meaning the Kaiser) wishes them to be left behind."

The commander said he was also ordered to use the bombs on Verdun, and again the Kaiser said "No" at the last moment.

Once the officer was just off to bomb a house three miles behind the French lines in which it was known King George V., Marshal Joffre, and Mr. Lloyd George or Mr. Asquith were staying, when he was told the command had been cancelled.

Once more it was "S.M.'s orders." Reason given by the German officer: "The Kaiser is deeply religious."

NO VALID PASSPORT

Dr. Andre Sporer, 30, Hungarian, was charged before Mr. Edwards at Central Magistracy on Saturday with entering the Colony without a valid passport on December 15.

Sub-Inspector Fowle said defendant came from Macao. His visa expired after the outbreak of the war. Defendant was guaranteed by the Bishop of Hongkong, and Inspector Fowle asked that the case be withdrawn.

The application was granted.

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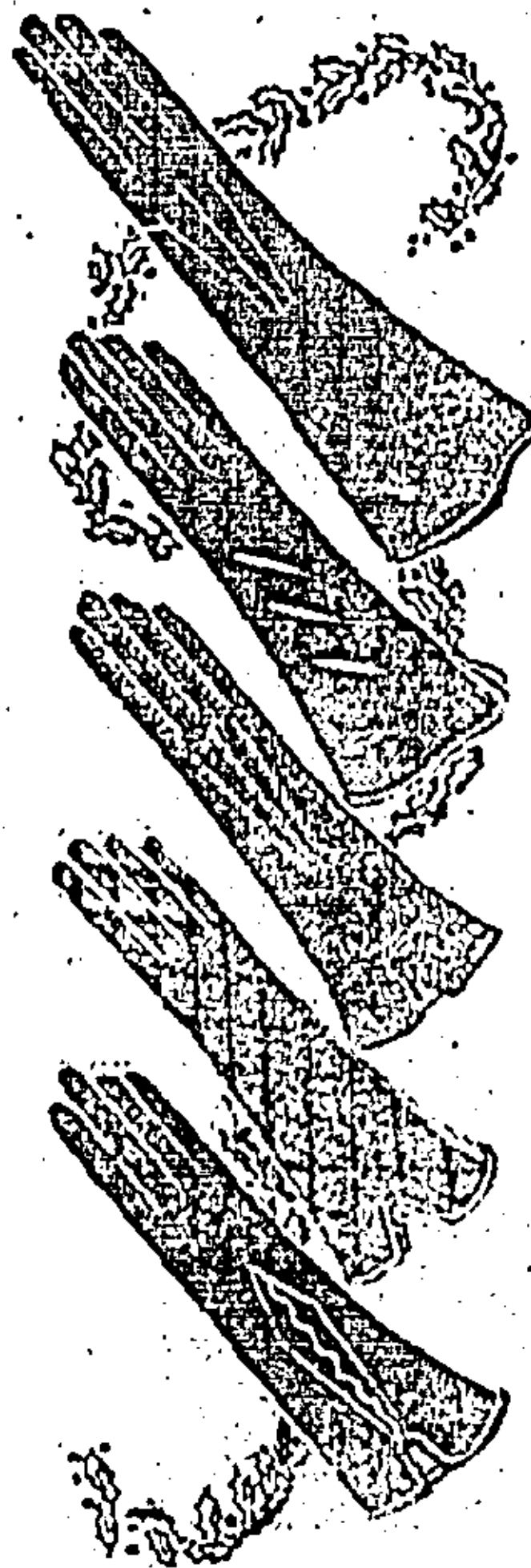
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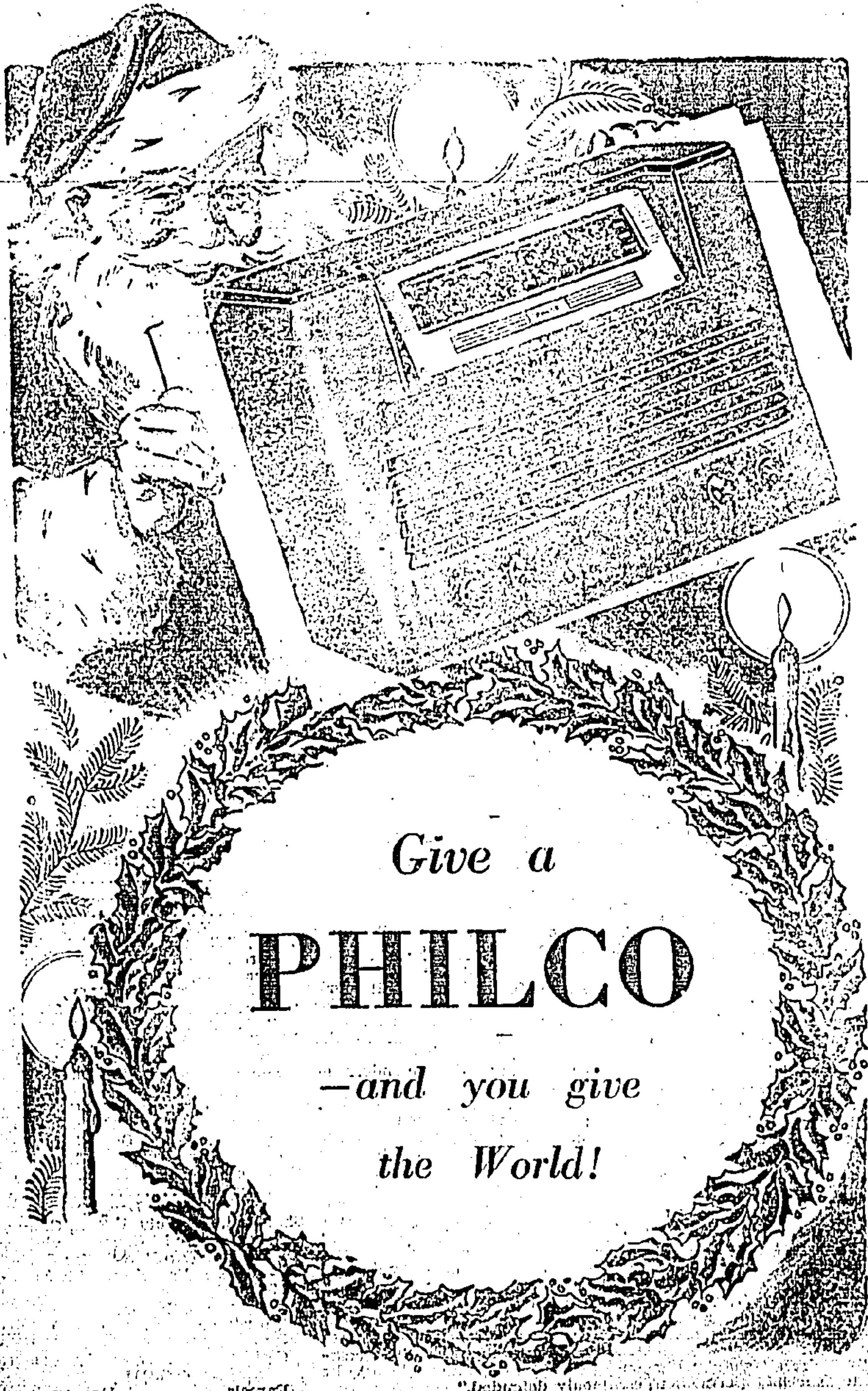
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NAZIS LOSE FAITH IN NEW ALLY: SWEDEN'S FEARS
(Continued from Page 1.)

was scarcely a glimmer of light in the town which has been two-thirds evacuated. It was blacker even than London, which so far has held the "blackout championship."

When I started to use my flashlight which I had used at the western front, an alert air warden immediately stopped me and gestured that the flash must be dimmed with fishing paper like his own.

Sweden's Apprehension
In Sweden I found great apprehension that the Soviets may attempt to drive through upper Finland and across Norway to secure ports on the Atlantic.

Besides the Finns who are flocking back from all over Europe to join the army, volunteers are coming in from all Scandinavian and Baltic States. On my plane were men from Estonia who had hidden in the engine-room of Estonian ships bound for Sweden.

The Estonian captain had consented to hide them and keep their names off the passenger list in case of search by Soviet warships.

Kirov Out Of Action
They said they had seen in Tallinn the 26,000 ton Kirov, Russia's most modern and powerful cruiser, which had been damaged by Finnish coast artillery at Hangoe.

The Kirov's engine had been put out of commission by Finnish shells and it was reported that repairs might take many weeks.

Large numbers of volunteers were flocking in from Sweden. On my plane, one brought his own rifle wrapped in paper. Another brought his revolver.

Lunching at Asbo, I learned that the men at the next table were Swedes who had just arrived to volunteer for military service.

Middlesex Draw With Machine Gunners

In a friendly cricket match at the Craigengower Cricket Club yesterday, No. 3 Machine-Gun Company (Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps) drew with the Middlesex Regiment.

The volunteers batted first and hit up 182, towards which Pte. Hume contributed 41 and Cpl. Mackay 39. Both hit seven fours.

The Middlesex at one stage had six wickets down for 66. After the fall of the seventh wicket at 74, a stand was made by Cordery and Williams. Their partnership added 62 runs before Williams was caught.

Williams, who scored 20, made 20 of his runs from boundary hits.

Q.M.S. E. C. Fincher, C. Jones, b 6
L/Cpl. D. Hume, b Young 41
Sgt. E. Zimmern, b Pearson 39
L/Cpl. N. A. E. Mackay, b Selton 39
Pte. F. H. Zimmern, b Young 24
L/Cpl. F. N. Anderson, b Weedon 21
Young 21

Pte. A. Zimmern, b Hatfield 1
Pte. W. L. Rapley, b Hatfield 1
Pte. T. A. Mader, retired 22
Sgt. G. S. Winch, b Hatfield 1
Pte. W. K. Way, not out 1
Extras 9
Total 182

Bowling Analysis
Hatfield 10 M. R. W. 3
Pearson 6 40 3 2
Williams 7 40 3 2
Young 7 40 3 2
Selton 2 13 1 1
Mackay 2 13 1 1

Middlesex Regt.
Pte. Jones, run out 15
Pte. Cutler, c E. Zimmern b W. Zimmern 1
Pte. Pearson, c E. Zimmern b W. Zimmern 1
Lt. Weedon, c Hume b Anderson 6
L/Cpl. Young, b Winch 23
Pte. Hatfield, c E. Zimmern b Anderson 2
Son 2
Pte. Cordery, not out 38
L/Cpl. Selton, b Hatfield 0
L/Cpl. Williams, c E. Zimmern b Anderson 29
Pte. Aldridge, not out 6
Lt. Peel did not bat 0
Extras 26
Total 141
(For 8 wks.)

Bowling Analysis
F. R. Zimmern 10 M. R. W. 3
Winch 10 40 3 2
Anderson 6 40 3 2
Mackay 2 13 1 1

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GRAF SPEE SCUTTLED

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re-fuelling. She was scheduled to depart at dawn on Monday.

The Only Casualty
It is believed that Captain Langdorf is the only Admiral Graf Spee casualty.

He is thought to have refused to have left his ship, and to have been blown up with it.

Credence is given to this suggestion by a statement issued by the German Embassy after the explosions.

"We do not know where Captain Langdorf is, but German commanders stay with their ships," the Embassy announced.

Latest reports indicate that Captain Langdorf ordered his entire crew to transfer to the freighter Tacoma, and remained aboard himself to set off the charges that blew up the Admiral Graf Spee.

Thousands of people witnessed the dynamiting and scuttling of the warship.

Huge Crowds Watch Drama
Huge crowds rushed to points of vantage to watch the fire envelop the cruiser as she went down.

Fabulous prices were paid for motor boats and other small craft which rushed to the scene.

The Admiral Graf Spee listed to port, her superstructure wrecked and her hull torn by the explosions, and sank within a few seconds.

Her exact position is 6 1/2 kilometres outside the Montevideo harbour limits.

Diplomatic quarters reveal that the Germans refused to accept either internment or an ultimatum to leave port during the negotiations with the Uruguayan Foreign Minister.

Nazi Admissions

BERLIN, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—For the first time Germany admits that 36 were killed aboard the Graf Spee.

The German news agency states that according to the reports reaching the High Command of the German Army 36 of the crew of the Graf Spee died in action.

Six members of the crew are seriously wounded and 53 lightly wounded.

Ready To Run Gauntlet
LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—The German pocket battleship, Admiral Graf Spee, now lies sunk off the Uruguayan coast some five miles from the entrance to Montevideo Harbour at about 25 feet of water.

This is disclosed in an official Admiralty communiqué issued late today.

Two Terrific Explosions
The communiqué adds that the Nazi warship was blown up by two terrific explosions after she had been abandoned by her crew.

The act of self-destruction was ordered by her commander, Captain Langdorf, some three hours after the Graf Spee had sailed out of Montevideo, apparently ready to run the gauntlet, although Montevideo wireless messages had announced that it was the intention of Capt. Langdorf to scuttle his ship.

After leaving Montevideo harbour, the Graf Spee waited at the entrance for some time as though uncertain of what action to take.

She then proceeded slowly up the Plata Estuary in the direction of Buenos Aires.

Flag Flies Gallantly
Then unexpectedly she turned completely about and coming down the Estuary at a fairly high speed with a large Swastika flag flying gallantly from the main mast, halted about five miles from the nearest shore.

The order was given to the crew to abandon ship, and within five minutes after the order had been carried out and with the men standing off some hundreds of yards saluting, two terrific explosions occurred and the battleship sank within a few seconds.

Nazis Won't Admit Defeat
PARIS, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—Notwithstanding the opinion of neutral naval Powers, particularly that of United States and Italy, that the sea-fight off Uruguay was a triumph for Britain, the German press persists in holding it up as a brilliant success for Germany and is claiming it to have "incalculable" consequences.

The Italian Press, which devotes an extraordinary amount of space to the event, describes the battle as a clear strategical victory for the British warships.

HER FATHER WAS HELD BY GERMAN OCEAN RAIDER

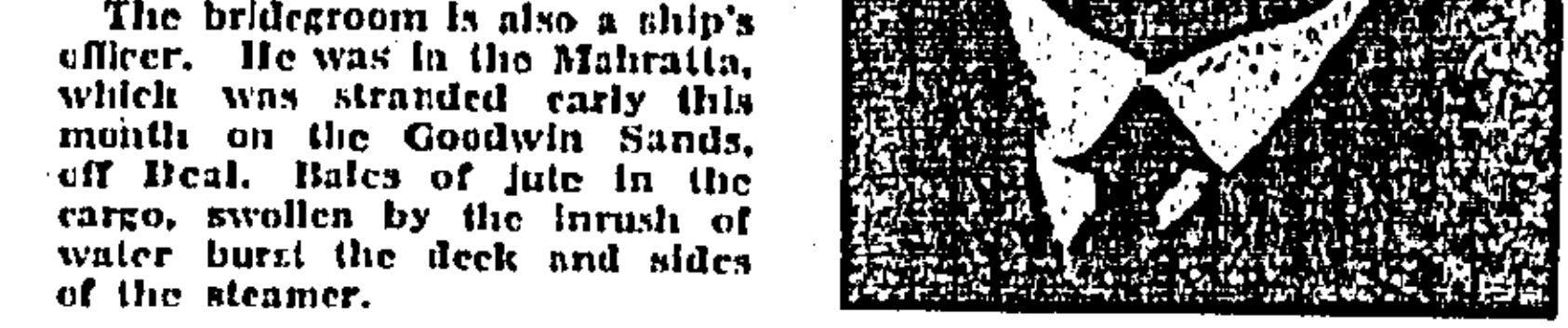


OCEAN RAIDER

BRIDE on the left was Miss Hilary M. Harris, of Moseley-hill, Liverpool. Bridegroom, also in picture, is Mr. Peter McKenzie, of Castle Bromwich, Birmingham.

Mrs. McKenzie is a daughter of Captain F. C. P. Harris (right), commander of the British steamer Clement, sunk by the Nazi raider Admiral Graf Spee seventy miles off Brazil. The crew reached land, but Captain Harris and his chief engineer were taken prisoners aboard the raider. They were among the 61 Britons released in Montevideo on Friday.

The bridegroom is also a ship's officer. He was in the Mahatma, which was stranded early this month on the Goodwin Sands, off Deal. Rafts of life in the cargo, swollen by the rush of water burst the deck and sides of the steamer.



Act Like A Sailor, Said Patrick To U-boat Captain

PATRICK O'NEIL, taken with fifteen other seamen on board a U-boat which had sunk their ship, the Darino, of Liverpool, faced the submarine commander indignantly, and said: "Why didn't you torpedo us in daylight and give us a chance?"

The U-boat chief replied: "It is better for us to do it at night time." Reproachfully came Patrick's retort: "It may be better for you, but it isn't sailor-like, you know!"

Said the commander: "How many were there in the ship's crew?"

Said Bo'sun Kearon: "Twenty-seven."

The submarine's captain counted the survivors. "I'm sorry, but this is war," he said. "Better luck next time."

Patrick and his mates lost everything they possessed when their ship went down. Eleven of their fellows, it is feared, lost their lives.

The Darino, 1,430 tons, was on her way from Oporto, with a general cargo, when the U-boat attacked her. She sank in six minutes.

Nearly all her crew were sleeping in their bunks. Patrick was one of the few on duty, in the wheel-house. He was trapped by debris, had to fight his way out, and he cut his right wrist badly in the struggle.

The crew were either hurled or flung themselves into the sea. They grabbed pieces of wreckage—four men were hanging on to one bit of wood—and drifted about, calling for help.

After half an hour the U-boat came to the surface and took them on board. Its crew rubbed down the shivering men, gave them blankets. The commander ordered rations of rum and coffee all round.

They watched the submarine's crew at work. They saw ratings scrawling the names Churchill and Chamberlain with their fingers on the petroleum jelly coatings of their torpedoes before pressing them into the tubes, laughing as they did so.

Crash-Dive
The Darino's men were about twelve hours in the submarine before they were transferred to an Italian vessel which brought them to England. While they were in the U-boat the "crash-dive" alarm was sounded and she submerged 100ft.

The officers put their fingers to their lips as a warning to the survivors not to make any noise. A warship was passing overhead.

Fireman William Locke brought to London with him a souvenir of the U-boat's activities—a packet of cigarettes given him by one of the crew pencilled with the names of the sea ships it had sunk.

The second was the Cruswell, a Fleetwood trawler, in which six men died, the third the Arne Kilde, a Norwegian vessel.

The crew told the Darino's men they had been at sea ever since war broke out, but hoped to be home for Christmas.

JAPANESE SHIP RELEASED

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—The Sanyo Maru was released from the Contraband Control base after a stay of 24 hours.

According to the Ministry of Economic Warfare, it was only necessary to verify her cargo, which did not include any other goods of German origin not covered by Japanese guarantees.

INDIAN BAN ON AIRCRAFT

NEW DELHI, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—Only aircraft operating on regular routes will be allowed to fly to or over India in future.

Heiress Bride Vanishes 20 Years After Brother

TWENTY-FOUR hours after her wedding a car containing an heiress and her bridegroom plunged over a bridge in Canada.

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From PAUL BEWSHER

France. THREE fathers, with their sons, are among a large group of men carrying out one of the strangest and most difficult tasks of the B.E.F.

Day after day they are burying deep underground thousands of pounds' worth of telephone cable to connect up the different units of the forces.

This father-and-son position seems to run in the Royal Corps of Signals, according to what one father told me.

He was a cheerful captain who was solving the problem of taking his cable across a flooded stream and through a railway embankment.

"My son has got a worse job," he said with a laugh. "He's apparently tearing up tram-lines in a nearby town."

There are two other signals officers out here who have sons serving in the same corps. None in the same unit. Perhaps it's just as well!

Cellar "Exchange"
This cheery captain, splashing in the mud, explained that the miles of cable which were being buried would never be taken up. They were so far underground that the task would be too difficult. The object was to prevent damage by shells.

Down in a valley I saw one of the junctions, or "nerve" centres, of this vast telephone system. Like most things of its importance, it gives no sign of its importance. All that a passer-by would see is a rambling farmhouse surrounded by busy hens.

But down in the cellar it might be the basement of a big telephone exchange. Only the crowing of a cock recalled the rural atmosphere.

BRITISH SHIP MINED

BERLIN, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—The British steamer, Ambie, 1,162 tons, struck a mine and sank, according to an Amsterdam despatch to the German news agency.

The crew were rescued.

Zionist Leader's Appointment

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—The Zionist leader, Professor Zelig Bordeisky, was elected President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews in succession to Mr. Neville Laski, who retired recently.

POST OFFICE

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

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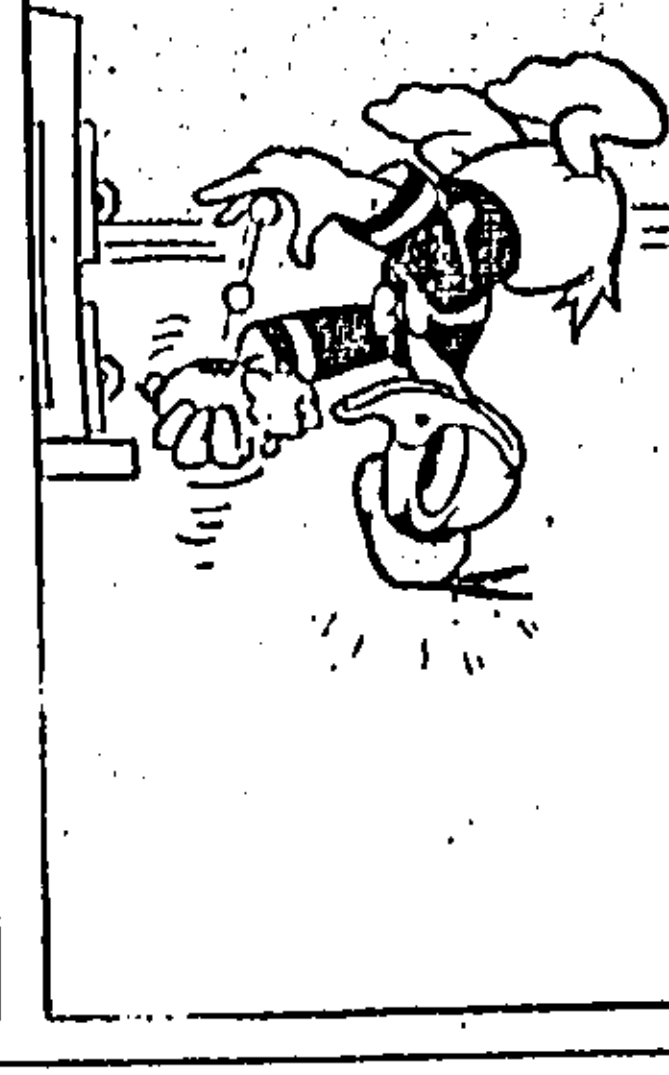
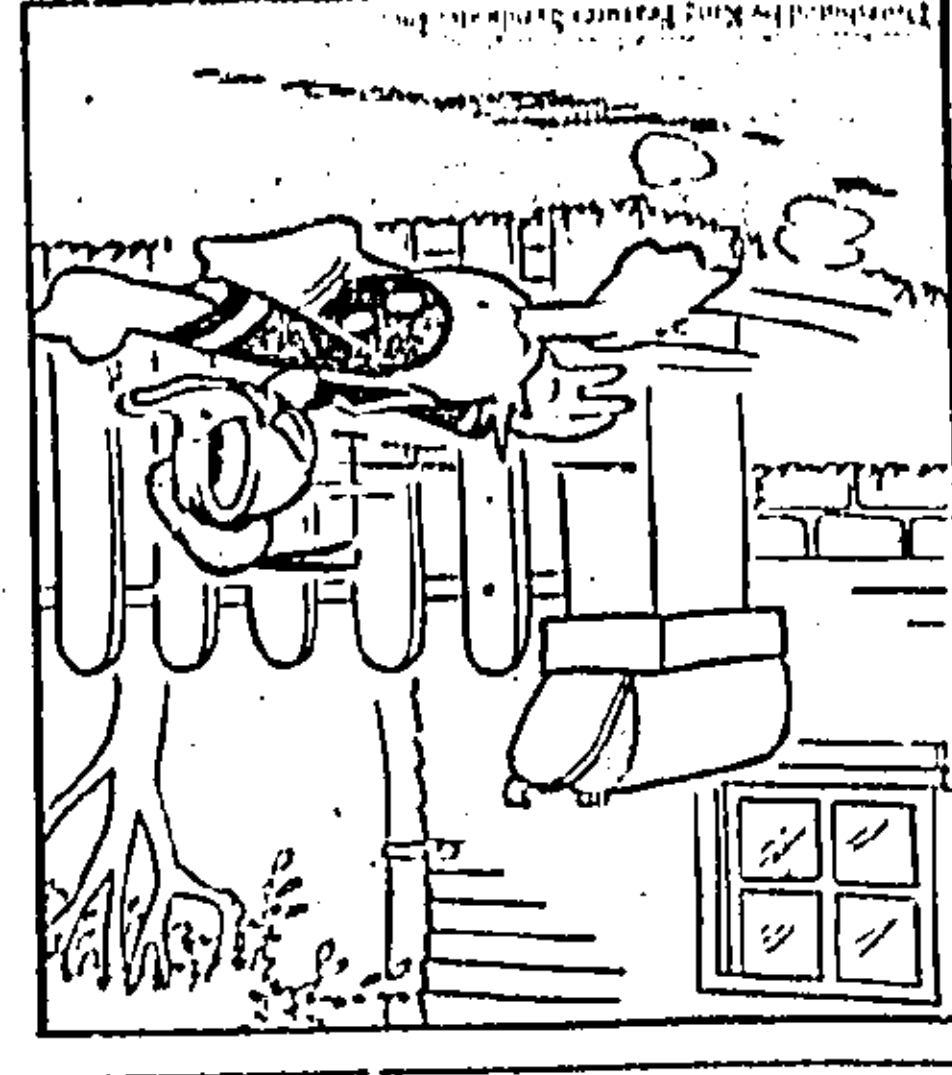
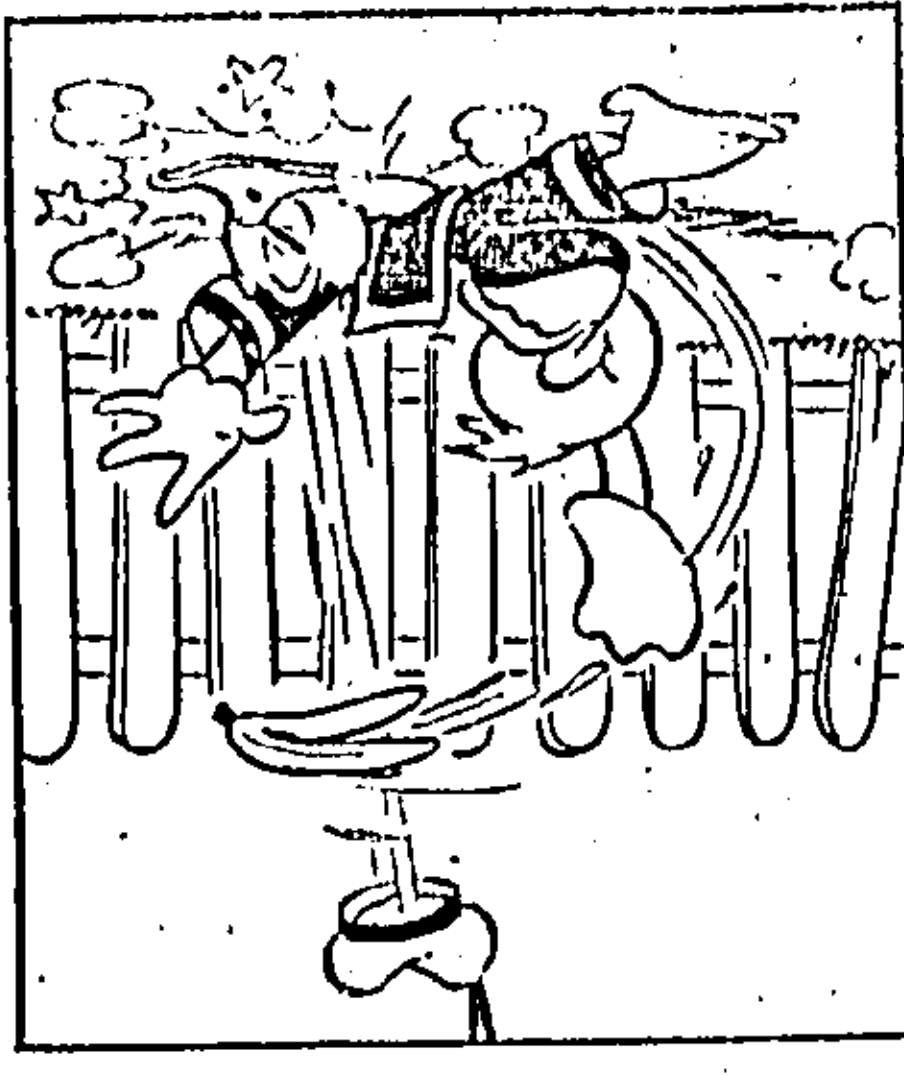
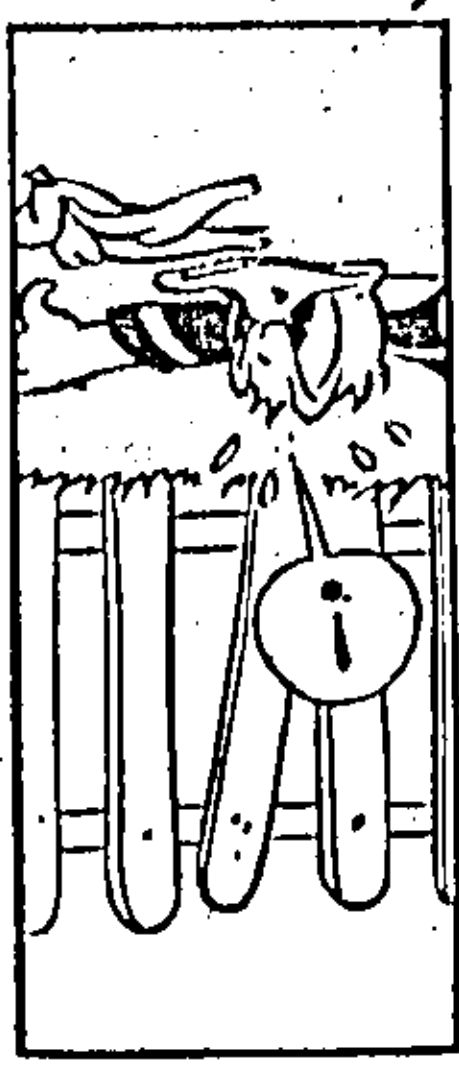
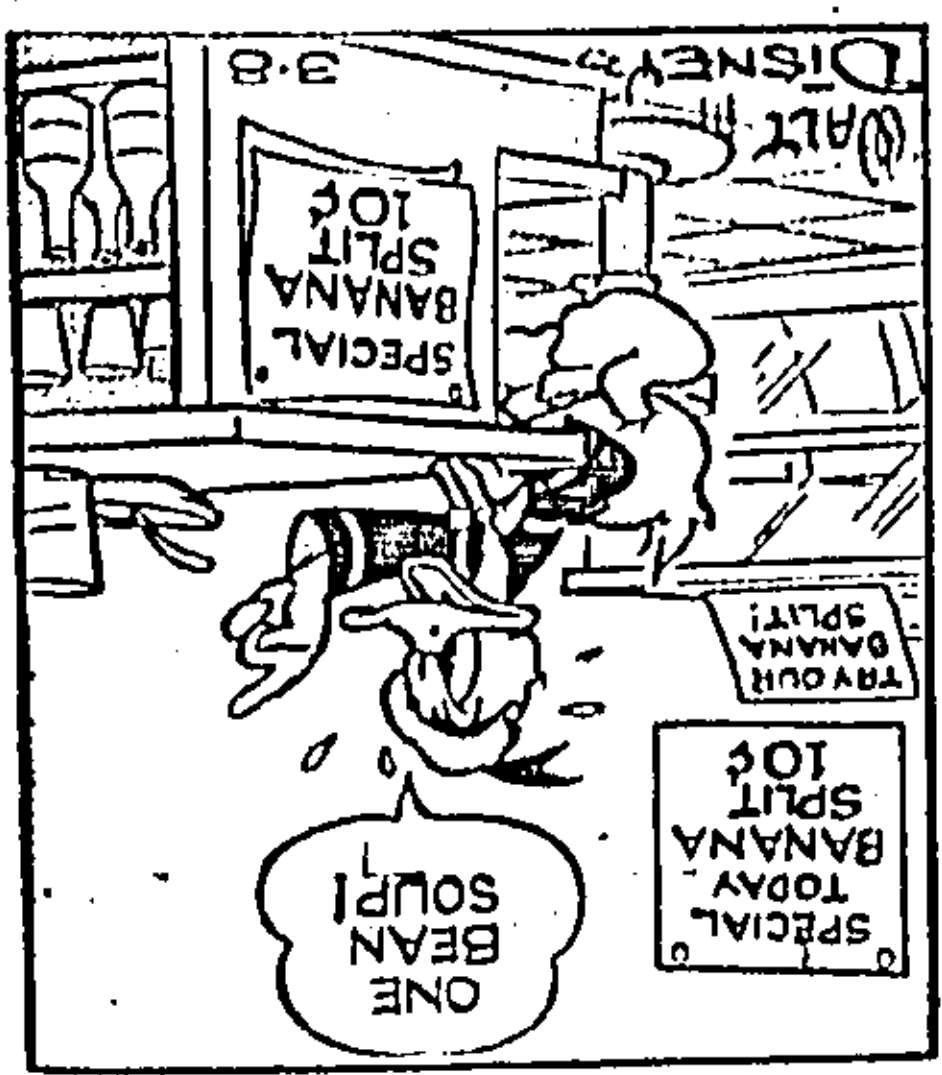
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MUSSOLINI'S POLICY

FROM A ROME CORRESPONDENT

Rome. Europe entered the third month of the war with the Italian policy of non-belligerence more firmly established than ever as peace time activities continue and the public settles down to carry on normal work. The much-discussed Cabinet changes have brought a number of newcomers from the non-political background into the limelight, while others whose sympathies are known to be strongly engaged, are given other spheres of activity.

Interest in foreign affairs centres on two points—the Balkans and the Baltic. The Italo-Greek exchange of letters was made public. These letters give a more concrete form for the hope of intimate and fruitful collaboration. There is some speculation as to the reasons for publishing the letters at this particular moment. Obviously the exchange stresses Italy's known interest in seeing the Balkans kept out of the war, and that is important in view of the reports from Germany that the Reich might be contemplating a plan for bringing Balkan oil and copper with- in its own monetary field. It is too early to talk with confidence of a Balkan neutral bloc, but the materials are there, and no pains are being spared to assemble them.

Sympathy With Finland

The progress of Russia's invasion of Finland is watched intently here. Sympathy with Finland is accentuated by sincere dislike of Communism. That is encouraged by the Church, which is outspoken in condemnation of Russian methods. The "Osservatore Romano" devoted a column to exhortation. There could hardly be surer signs of Italy's decision to continue her

present policy than the determination with which she has established plans for carrying it out. Construction works are going on steadily in Rome. New streets are linking up various parts of the city. The difficult underground line which will connect Rome's central station with the 1942 Exposition is halfway to Ostia and pushing towards completion. The work on the Exposition itself continues unchecked.

Further afield nothing is permitted to interfere with the ten-year Sicilian land reclamation scheme; and another convey of 11,000 colonists crossed to Libya this week.

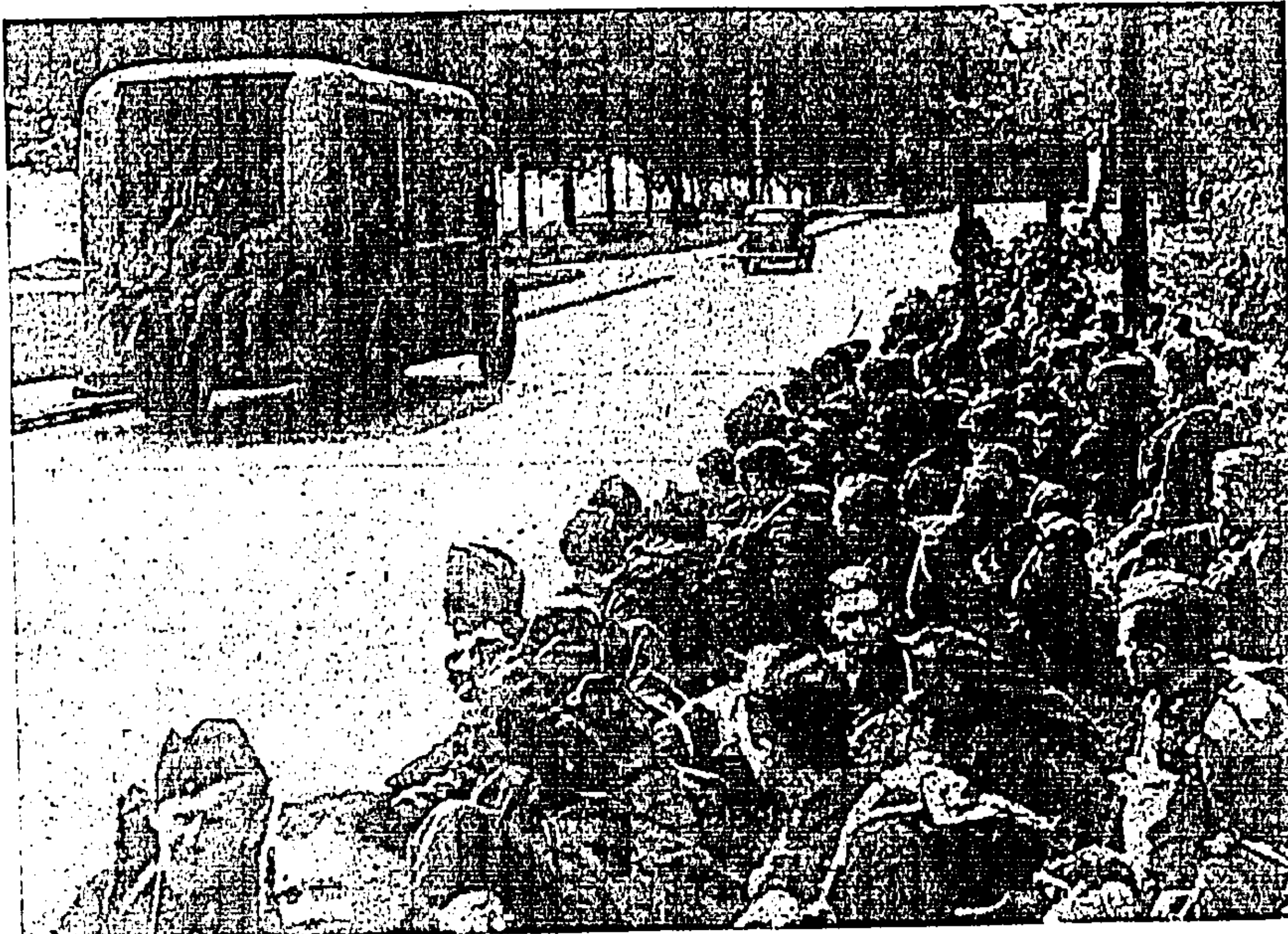
Rome has not quite returned to normal. There are still blue-dimmed lights interspersed with the regular street lights, although the headlights of buses are undimmed. Flashes of the great monuments of antiquity have recommenced, rather to the regret of many who had found new beauty in them under natural conditions.

The Food Situation

There is plenty of food, although Thursday and Friday are still meatless days, and meals at restaurants on other days comprise one meat course. Food prices are rising, and there is still no coffee. Bread is a bit greyish and hardens rapidly, but its virtues are appreciated in the light of comment by a neutral correspondent recently came to Rome from Berlin: his first remark at breakfast as he opened a roll was "What beautiful bread!"

Public sentiment strongly supports the present Italian policy. Earlier hopes of a speedy end of the war have vanished, but there is complete confidence that the Duce will keep the country out of it.

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE



BOUND FOR THE FRONT.—Troops resting by the roadside and others in lorries, photographed before embarking for France.

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12.30. Frank Titterton (Tenor) and the New Mayfair Orchestra.

1.00. Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.05. Dance Music by Roy Fox and His Orchestra.

1.10. Soccer and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.15. Variety with Greta Keller, Lucie Kunz, Len Filkins, Leslie Hutchinson and Quentin Maclean.

1.20. Close down.

6.00. "For the Children."

6.05. Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.10. Selections from Light Opera.

6.15. "Swing" Music.

6.20. Local Time Signal and Weather Report and Announcements.

6.25. This week's programmes.

8.07. Studio—Jazz-Piano Recital by Doreen Ma.

1.00. Intro: Deep Purple: The S.S. and the Angels Sing. 2.—Worried Over You. 3.—It Took a Million Years. 4.—You're so Desirable. 5.—Poor Butterfly. 6.—Tea for Two.

8.20. Reginald Foort at the Organ. The Fantastic Rhythm Medley.

11.00. Intro: Rosalie: Are you sincere? Thanks for the memory: The pretty little patchwork quilt: So many memories: You're a sweetheart.

8.35. Light Orchestra Concert with Ina Souez (Soprano) and Herbert E. Loch (Tenor).

An Excursion in The Vienna Woods (A medley, arr. M. Charles, from melodies by Strauss). The Great Symphony Orchestra with Chorus.

Love Everlasting (Crushing and Tragic): I Want Your Heart (Haydn Wood). Ina Souez (Soprano) with Orchestra. Hungaria (after original folk melodies arr. Jo Knummann); Budapest At Night (Hungarian Airs arr. von Belli-Pillsky). George

Longer and His Orchestra. Because I Love You. Belli-Lucci. Lovely Ladies (Bund-Siegel). Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Orchestra. Come To The Ball (from 'The Quaker Girl'—Monckton). Orchestra Louises with Vocal Refrain by G. Vitzgerald.

9.05. Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15. London Relay—News Summary.

9.25. B.B.C. Recording—"The Mouse and the Country Mouse."

Musical words by Henry Reed. Production by David Porter. 10.05. John Gown (Baritone) and the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet. The Three Ravens (arr. Kennedy).

Private Bert Wins the M. M.

HERE are two news items to start the week-end with a smile.

Private Bert Short, announces the London Gazette, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallant and distinguished service in recent operations.

Private Short's regimental number is given as 7263761.

War Office official said last night that the award was made for bravery on the North-West Frontier in India.

Private Short is still in the East.

PREMIER WITH GORT

Neville Chamberlain on Visit To Western Front

Paris, Dec. 16. Mr. Neville Chamberlain, after spending the night at General Gort's chateau, this morning visited the front lines where he saw improvements which have been made since the King's visit.—Reuter.

The Premier flew over on Friday escorted by Royal Air Force fighters.

An Air Raid Alarm

London, Dec. 17. Mr. Chamberlain is still at the front and experienced an air raid warning this morning shortly after breakfast.

For the first time in several days the sirens were sounded and guns manned. The weather was misty and no planes were seen.—Reuter Bulletin.

Scott: The Boatmen (Harris). One More Day; On The Banks of Sacramento (arr. Harris).

10.05. Variety with Jack Savage and His Cowboys, Margatroyd and Wint-robottom. Kiele and Doris Waters, and Ralph Reader.

Vocal—Going Home; Tumbling Tumble Weeds. Jack Savage and His Cowboys. Humorous—About Cruises (Frankau-Handley-Crick); Art (Frankau and Others). Margatroyd and Wint-robottom with Monty Crick at the Piano. Comedienne—Gert Daisy, A Piano—An Howl. Kiele and Doris Waters.

10.15. John Gown (Baritone) and the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet. The Three Ravens (arr. Kennedy).

10.20. Dance Music.

11.00. Close down.

BIG STOCK OF SERUM Fighting the Diseases of the War

THE Pasteur Institute of Paris is better prepared than ever for its task of fighting the diseases which war brings in its train.

During the last war the Institute supplied more than 6,000,000 doses of serum against various diseases in France alone, at least half of which went to the Allied armies fighting on French soil. Another million doses were sent to Italy, 18,000 to Serbia, 70,000 to Belgium, 40,000 to Rumania, and 800,000 to the American Army and Red Cross.

Tetanus (lockjaw) often results from shellfire wounds. During the German offensive of March and April, 1918, the Institute was delivering 20,000 tubes of anti-tetanus serum a day to the armies.

Typhoid is another infection to which men are exposed when assembled in large numbers under service conditions. In 1914 nearly all serving French soldiers had been compulsorily inoculated against it.

The Institute's preparedness for the present war was revealed in a recent interview by Professor Louis Martin, Director of the Institute.

Gmnibus Vaccine

In 1914 it took six months' treatment to bring a horse to the point where serum could be taken from it, and at the end of the war the period had been reduced to between three and four months. Now it has been cut down to five or six weeks.

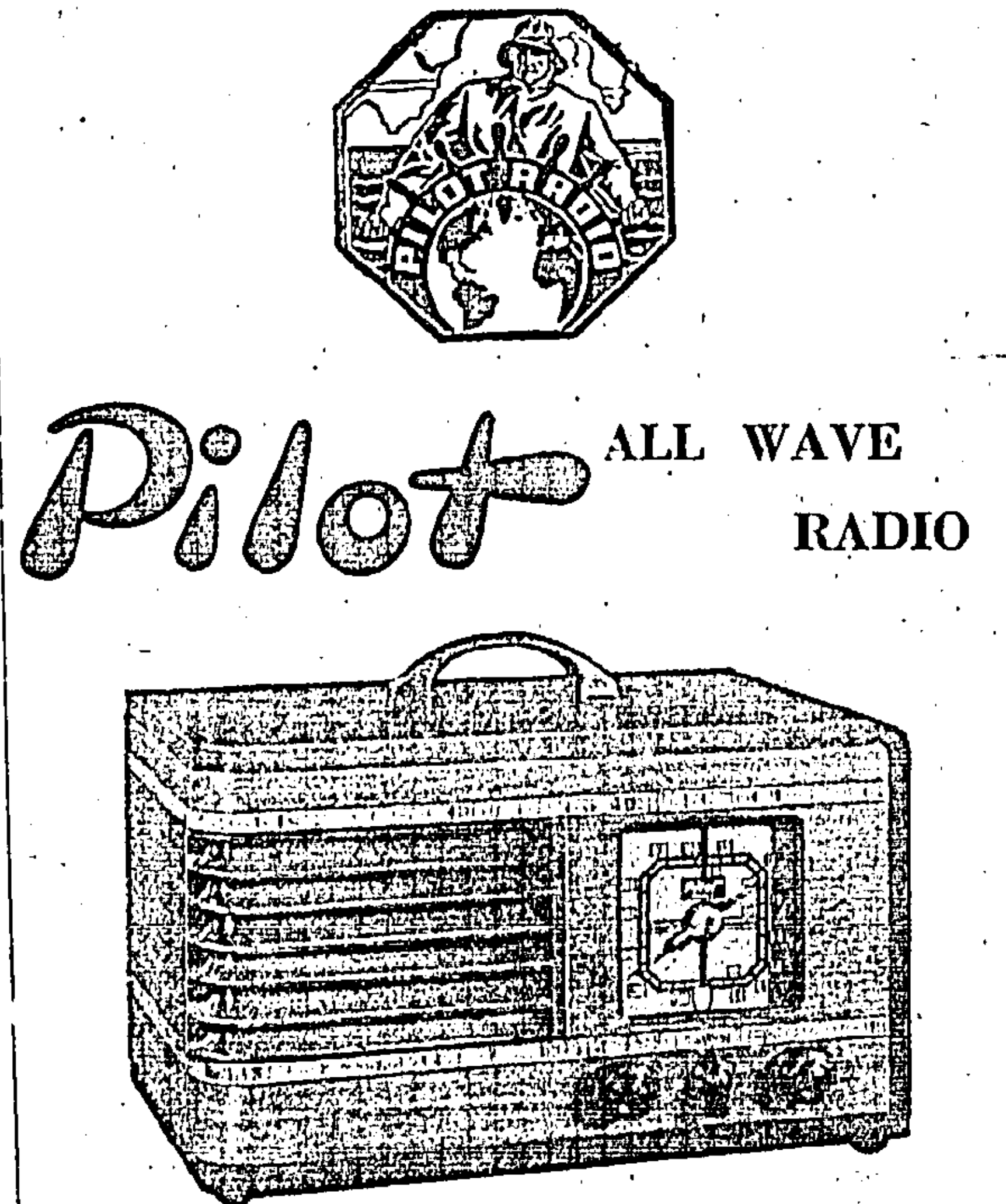
At the end of the last war the Institute had just begun to produce small quantities of a serum against gangrene. Now it has a large quantity of this serum, much improved in quality, in reserve.

The Institute is also producing something which did not exist in the last war—an omnibus vaccine. Instead of being inoculated three separate times, once against typhoid, once against tetanus and again against diphtheria, the soldier can be immunised against all three diseases by a single injection.

Furthermore, the same injection can be made to include a dose of anti-pneumonia vaccine. This is intended especially for French colonial troops transferred from an African to a European climate.

BLACK-OUT CRIMES

Amsterdam, Dec. 16. One man has been executed in Germany for stealing wireless equipment, a black-out, and three other persons executed for stealing blackouts. Two more were shot for having burns and crops.—Reuter.



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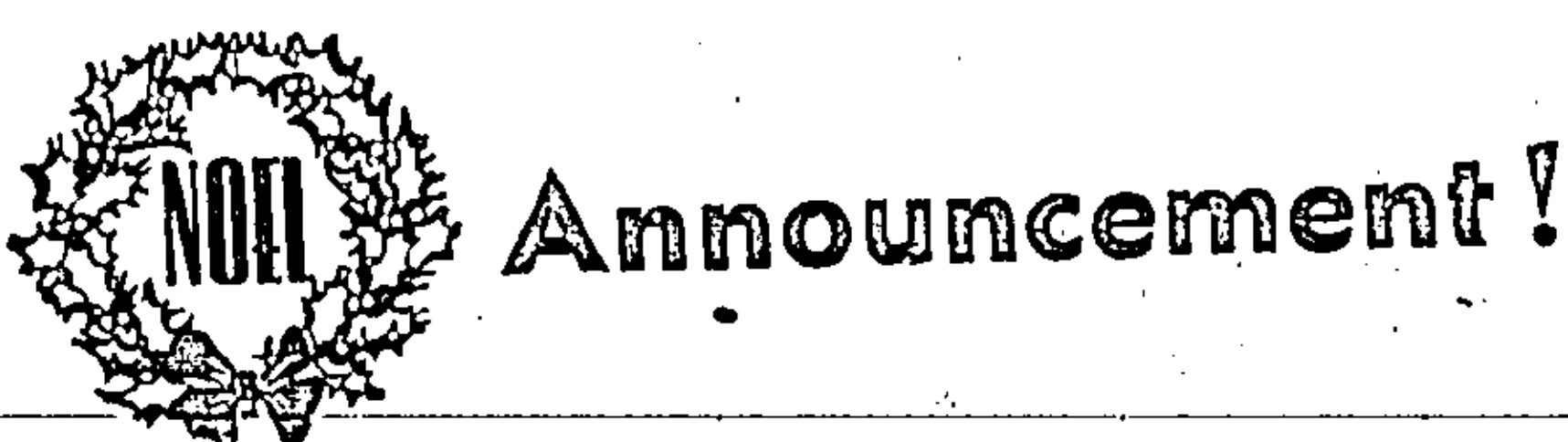
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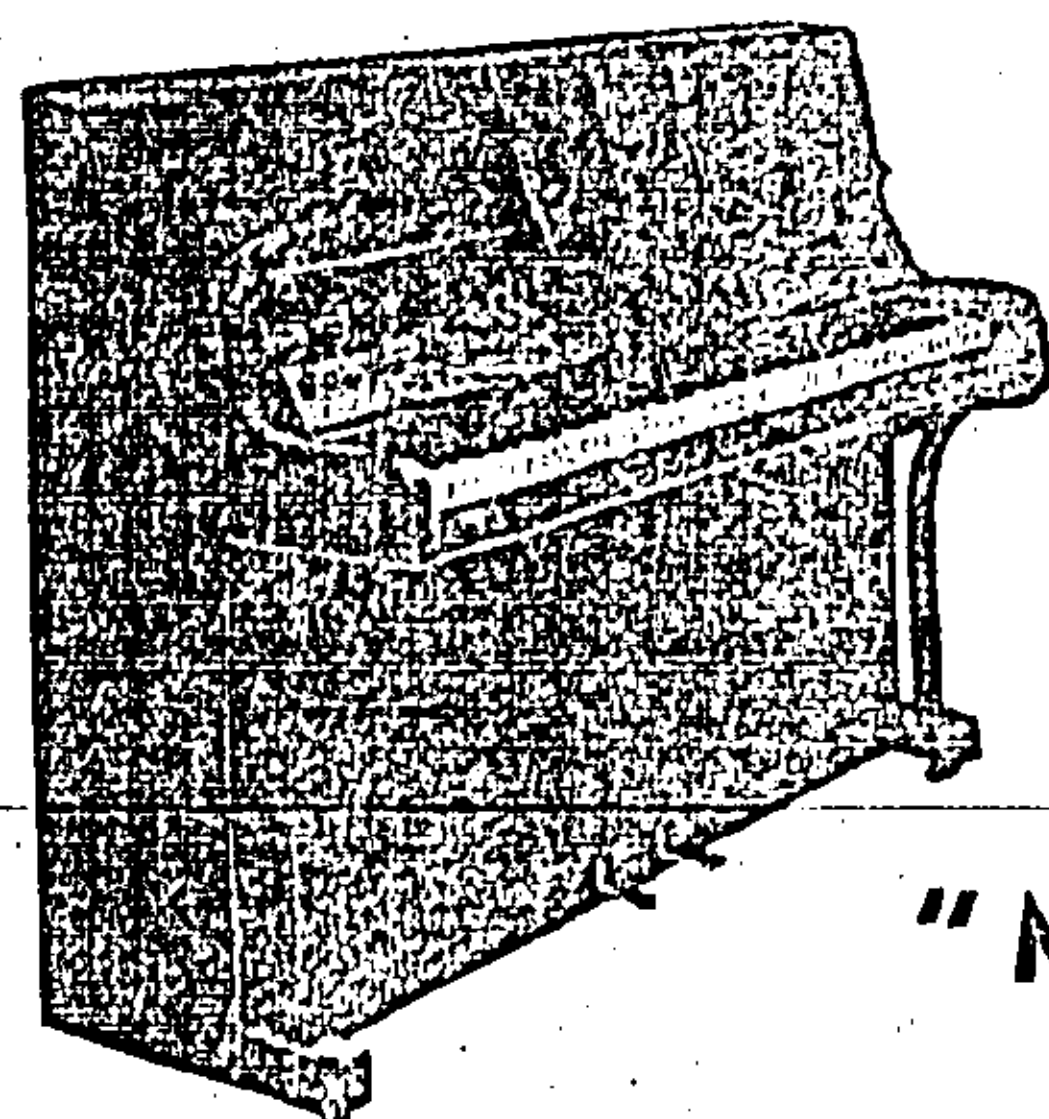
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Battle Of Babel

A WAR as significant as that being fought on the Western Front is being waged on the wireless. It is literally a war of words, and in the end its effects may be even more profound than those of the battles fought on land, on sea, and in the air.

From Britain come the voices of its announcers, calm, cultured, unemotional—perhaps too much so, say some critics—telling the unvarnished truth to the world. From German stations the world hears the impassioned, theatrical tones of the Nazi announcers, so anxious to make Germany look innocent before the condemning world court that they deny allegations even before they are made against them. And, perhaps most significant of all, the "German Freedom Station," calling upon the German people to overthrow the tyrants who are repressing them.

Every warring nation is mobilising its wireless propaganda resources as rapidly as it is its industrial assets to carry on the war. From Britain is broadcast the truth in many languages and with perfect accent. In this respect the Allies have many advantages, for from France, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and Czechoslovakia have been lucky enough to escape from the clutches of Hitler and the Gestapo are telling their people the truth about this war of aggression.

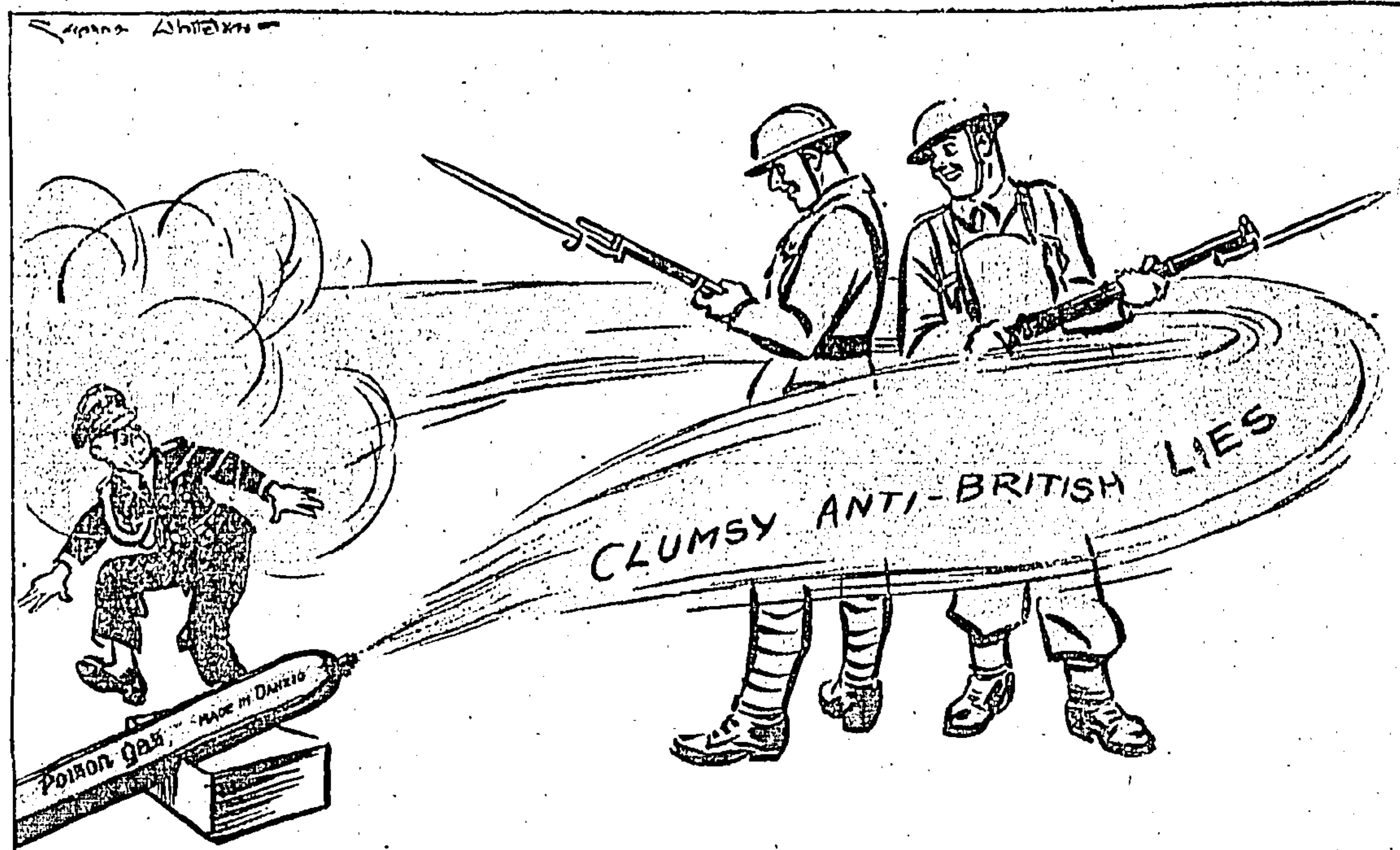
It has been suggested that Britain should employ more and more of these speakers, and get some of them to write messages for propaganda leaflets. Among these exiles are some of the most brilliant, scientific and literary men of post-war Germany.

Without a doubt the most remarkable station at present adding its quota to the war of the wireless is the "German Freedom Station," which so far has defied its enemies. Those who risk their lives to get over the truth to the German people in this way are heroes of the first water. If caught, death would be their reward.

Not long ago an opponent of the Nazi regime began broadcasting similar messages from a forest just over the Czechoslovakian border. It was just previous to the time when Hitler's legions occupied the country. One night three fanatical young Nazis, together with a woman, dashed across the frontier in a powerful car, murdered the announcer, and managed to get back into Germany. No steps were taken to arrest the criminals.

"Put an end to the senseless and criminal war into which we have been plunged by Hitler. Soldiers do not fight at the front, but direct your arms against the culprits."

The voice is drowned by deliberate interference, but it comes again: "Workers, every gun you make in the factories will help prolong the war. Sabotage the production of arms and you will help our fight for freedom, dignity, and peace."



VON RIBBENFLOP!

But I still like a bit of comfort

by Stuart Fletcher

I SCANDALISED a policeman the other day. It was in Oxford Circus. I was carrying a suitcase which, whatever any mathematician likes to say, weighed five tons. I asked the policeman for the nearest cloakroom.

At Paddington Station, he told me, "Oh dear," I said, with commendable moderation, "What a nuisance this war is!"

The policeman stiffened visibly. "Sir," he replied, "there is a great many what is suffering worse than that."

How true, yes, for every single person who is being bombed or bayoneted or enduring trench fever and all the other idiotic atrocities of war, there must be thousands who are going round saying "Oh dear," or words to that effect, because their little private comforts are being interfered with.

YOU see, life is made up of little comforts like reading lamps in trains, cloakrooms, street lights, doors that are pieces of wood that you push open instead of strange garment-like materials that you fumble with, washing up that gets done by someone else instead of getting left for yourself to do.

Yet, there's something about this war. . . . I was talking a day or two ago with a Polish airman who was one of the very last people to escape from devastated Warsaw.

He was in seventeen Warsaw air-raids, and this is what struck him most. Two types of gas-masks were issued to the public—a bag-pipe-looking military type claimed to be very efficient, and a more old-fashioned kind solidly fashioned of wood.

At first everyone tried to get the better kind, but after a few raids it was the solid type of gas-mask which people were after. And do you know why? Because they could sit on them! They wanted a bit of comfort even at the death.

EVERYBODY likes a bit of creature comfort. That's why I like our barrage balloons. They look so happy, so prosperous, so distended with the kind of well-being that afflicts elderly gentlemen after a good lunch.

As they reel a little helplessly in the breeze they inspire the same sort of affectionate toleration that we all feel for the amiable drunkard.

Walking in Hyde Park the other

evening enjoying the miracle of twilight which, in peace-time, London's street lights completely ruin, I was startled but not surprised to read a neat little notice fixed into the ground near a captive balloon.

It had been printed in bold ink-strokes on a white oblong of cardboard, and it read: "The public is requested not to feed the Blimps."

That made me happy for a while, and I went back to my big empty house, where the silence and the darkness are far more oppressive than the most outrageous noises made in peace-time by my singularly lively daughters, feeling that the war (on the civilian front) had its compensations.

Someone else, a little previously perhaps, but prophesying quite accurately, had fixed a similar notice to one of the air-raid dug-outs in the Park.

This one read: "House Full."

I MISS my evacuated family a lot.

One of the joys of family life is coming down late to breakfast, it is led up to by a whole chain of anticipatory delights—the clatter of other people getting up while you blissfully lie on in a half-dozed, the violent entry into your bed of a three-year-old morsel of humanity who pulls your hair and

informs you with manifest untruth that she caught a rabbit yesterday; then titivating odour which creeps upstairs like St Anthony's temptresses; then the jingle of spoons and forks; then the final descent to a family which has long since given up being scandalised and is actually glad that you are only as late as you are and no later.

But coming down late to a breakfast that you have got to cook yourself is awful. I've given up breakfast.

I've invented a theory that breakfast is an unnecessary meal that people eat too much, and that fasting till lunch-time produces a sane mind in a sound body.

But I get awfully hungry about ten o'clock.

MY family with that peculiar lack of discrimination which you meet in young children and old ladies misses me too.

My eldest daughter who, at the age of nine, has started thinking things out a bit was puzzled the other day because near her evacuation spot she saw some childer complete with father.

Why couldn't she have her Daddy too, she wanted to know. I was explained that this Daddy happened to earn his living in the country while her own had to win his (and her) bread in London.

"I know," she said, solving the problem instantly. "He must come and work down here. The Co-op—I saw a notice in their window—want an errand-boy."

So if my name disappears from this paper you'll know what's happened. The pull of family comfort will have proved too strong for me and I shall have gone off to be an errand-boy.

Hitler's Long Knife

IF I set out to choose a villain for a "penny dreadful" I would pick on Dr. Frank, Nazi Reich Minister of Justice, who has just been appointed Governor-General for the Polish territories occupied by Germany.

The man who will now administer Hitler's terror over the Poles is the ideal combination of Prussian impudence and American Gangsterdom, which make up Nazism.

This is not a far-fetched comparison because Dr. Frank started out as criminal lawyer in Berlin's East End. Only when the Nazi party in its most riotous period provided most of the murderers, Dr. Frank switched over to politics.

He specialised in political murders and other crimes committed by members of the Nazi party.

Frank defended his Nazi clients very well. He is a good orator, and he has a certain personal appeal. Immaculately dressed, clean shaven, with straight, dark hair brushed back, he looks like a gentleman.

When Hitler came into power Frank was first made Commissar for Justice in Bavaria, and later Bavarian Minister of Justice. Soon he gained for himself a reputation as the first Nazi leader to shock the world.

That was when the Reichstag, under Hitler, still contained Socialist M.P.s. During a debate, Frank, uttering force to argument, thrust President Loebe, one of Germany's most distinguished Parliamentarians, from his seat and took his place. The scene created a sensation.

Then Frank ventured out into the field of international politics. To the Austrian Nazis, with whom the Austrian Government was then engaged in a deadly struggle, he sent out messages of encouragement. Next he decided to go to Vienna himself "to attend a jurists' gathering."

The Austrian Government, through its Ambassador, explained in Berlin that Frank's visit would not be appreciated, and politely asked whether the turbulent Nazi Minister could not stay at home.

But that did not stop Frank. I shall never forget the hour of his arrival. The Austrian Nazis decided on a demonstration of welcome. The Austrian Government, on the other hand, had prepared a different reception for Frank.

As soon as he stepped from his plane at the Vienna aerodrome, a high Austrian police official met him and expressed to him the Austrian Government's opinion that "his visit was highly unwelcome and was regarded as very inappropriate."

Frank blushed; then all colour left his face. But he rallied, and with an angry gesture stepped to his car. Since that day he has been used by Hitler as an agent-provocateur. He sent out messages to illegal Nazi parties everywhere. He threatened Governments of weak States with Hitler—or destruction.

He coined the phrase of the "long knife," with which Jews and other enemies of Nazism would be killed. Since then he has been known as the "Long Knife" of the Nazi Party.

It goes without saying that 1938-39, the "Nazi Year of Action," found him prominent in the international field. Again he attended Jurists' Congresses, first in Sudetenland, then in Danzig. On both occasions he was provocative, rude. Everywhere he encouraged the Nazi rebels.

He made his last speech in Zoppot, in Danzig territory: "Poland is lost," he said.

I am afraid it is while Dr. Frank is Hitler's Governor there.

WILLI FRISCHAUER

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I do miss Wilbur since we broke our engagement—I keep thinking of things to say to him that would burn him up!"

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

John Garner To Stand

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (UP).—Vice-President John N. Garner, has tossed his Texas sombrero into the Presidential race and it appears likely that he will inaugurate open political warfare between the Garner forces and the unofficial sponsors of Mr. Roosevelt for a third term.

Garner, from the front porch of his Uvalde home, declared in a Texas newspaper, "I will accept the nomination for President. I will make no effort to control any delegates. The people should decide. The candidates should be selected at the Primaries and at the Democratic Convention as provided for by law. I sincerely trust all Democrats will participate."

Bird Shops Control

Must Now Be Licensed By Urban Council

Regulations controlling the management of bird shops were promulgated in the Government Gazette on Saturday. The rules have been made under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance.

Bird shops must in future be licensed by the Urban Council at an annual fee of \$5 and must be built on any lot and must not be on the ground floor of the premises. The regulations covering the erection of bird shops lays down that the ground surface shall be paved with six inches of concrete made impervious by asphalt and the walls shall be surfaced to a height of 10 feet from the floor with cement mortar.

Window space must be at least a tenth of the area of the floor and half the window space shall be capable of being opened.

Cages must have an open barred front and must be of such a size as to enable the bird confined to stand erect or lie down at full length. They must also contain sufficient perches for the accommodation of all occupants and must allow the occupant to stretch its wings to the fullest extent.

Other regulations stipulate that cages must be maintained clean and sanitary.

NEW STREETS NAMED

Three recently constructed roads have been named as follows:

Homestead Road.—From Mount Kellett Road at the north-west corner of Homestead Flats along the west side of Mount Kellett, terminating at Mount Kellett Road at the south-west corner of the War Memorial Nursing Home.

Tai Tse Mui Road.—Road commencing at Shu Kuek Street, south of Inland Lot No. 2919, running south and parallel to King's Road, and terminating at King's Road, north of Q.B.L.L. No. 4.

Tin Chiu Street.—Road commencing at south-west corner of Inland Lot No. 5378, running in a northerly direction and terminating at the sea front.

ENTIRE VILLAGE GUTTED BY FIRE

Six hundred squatters are homeless as a result of a spectacular fire last night which gutted the entire village of Shek Kip Mei, on the Taipo Road.

Though there was no loss of life the blaze was much more spectacular than that which occurred recently in Shanghai Street, and residents in nearby parts of the Colony were able to see the glow of the fire, while those on the Peak and other hills watched flames shoot a hundred feet into the air as the flimsy buildings burned fiercely.

Most of the 600 villagers were asleep when about 9 p.m. someone shouted "Fire" and "Save Life". There was an immediate commotion and a concerted rush to gather a few scattered belongings and retreat to safety as the fire spread with alarming rapidity through the close-packed huts.

The surrounding fields were quickly a scene of animation as men helped children and the aged out of range of the blaze across the vegetable patches.

An alarm was sent out to all stations and eight appliances were soon on the scene, though it took a considerable time to rig up apparatus from the nearest hydrant, which was over 100 yards away.

Minute squads of the Peace Preservation Corps were assisting residents to return to the unburned huts and rescue some of their belongings.

The fire was undoubtedly remarkable in the number of spectators who turned out to watch; thousands of residents of Kowloon came from near

British Ships Wait For the Graf Spee

Graf Spee May Attempt To Make Fight of It

The world is awaiting with keen interest the fate of the German battleship Admiral Graf Spee now lying badly damaged in the harbour of Montevideo outside which powerful units of the Royal Navy and the French navy are waiting to cut off any attempt she may make to escape.

It is reliably learned that the Uruguayan authorities, after consultation with the British, German, Italian and American representatives, ordered the German warship to leave harbour within a time which is believed to expire on Sunday evening. This would be about 6 a.m. to-day Hongkong time.

Sailors have been busy repairing damage to the battleship which is believed to have her gunnery control tower damaged and her 11-inch guns put out of action. Anti-Nazi feeling in Uruguay is hindering the repair work.

H.M.S. Renown and H.M.S. Barham, two British battleships, and the aircraft carrier Ark Royal are in the vicinity of Montevideo. Reports are current that a sister of the trapped German warship with submarines will be on hand to aid a dash for freedom.

Montevideo, Dec. 16. At least seven British vessels are hovering out of sight off the port of Montevideo waiting for the Admiral Graf Spee which must leave port before 8 p.m. on Sunday (6.30 a.m. Monday, Hongkong time). If the German pocket battleship stays over that limit she will be interned by the Uruguayan Government.

The deadline is based on the time the Uruguayan Naval authorities received the condition of the Admiral Graf Spee to the Foreign Minister, Sr. Guani.

The waiting warships include the British battle cruiser Renown, battleship Barham, cruisers Cumberland, Achilles and Ajax, the aircraft carrier Ark Royal, and the French cruiser Dunkerque.

The Admiral Graf Spee is being repaired.—United Press.

Rio de Janeiro Request

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 16. H.M.S. Renown, 32,000 tons, has requested permission to enter Rio harbour. She is due to arrive at an unspecified time to-day.

The British destroyers Hero, Hardy and Hostile stayed at Recife, Brazil for a short while before they steamed south to Uruguay.—United Press.

Warming Up Signs

Montevideo, Dec. 16. Just before 7 p.m. the Admiral Graf Spee's funnels began to emit smoke and her engines were warmed through, increasing the belief that she is planning to depart shortly. The crew are continuing to provision the ship. Crowds of people who have haunted the docks since the warship's arrival have been cleared off by the police.—United Press.

Dunkerque Confirmation

Paris, Dec. 17. French naval circles confirm that the French warship Dunkerque is inside Montevideo harbour.—United Press.

German Submarines

Rome, Dec. 17. The Giornale d'Italia's London correspondent to-day reports that German submarines are already en route to the River Plate and that the Admiral Scheer is probably under way to participate in the battle if the Admiral Graf Spee attempts to leave Montevideo.

This report was broadcast over the Rome radio.—United Press.

Time Not Announced

Montevideo, Dec. 16. The deadline for the Graf Spee's departure has not been announced officially because the Uruguayan Government wishes to avoid revealing anything which might be interpreted as revealing the German plans although the nature of the harbour and the restrictions in the channel make it impossible for the German ship to leave without being spotted. The impression is gaining among informed circles that Uruguay is granting a short extension of time.—United Press.

Assistance En Route

Montevideo, Dec. 16. The Italian Minister to Uruguay, Signor Bellardi Ricci, the German Ambassador from Buenos Aires, Herr von Thiermann and the German Naval Attaché from Buenos Aires, Captain Neibuh, were in conference with Captain Langsdorf of the Admiral Graf Spee to-day. The United Press has been informed that the Graf Spee's commander has been assured of aid en route if he attempts an escape.

The Uruguayan Foreign Minister to-day received the British Minister and afterwards the Brazilian and United States Ambassadors and the Uruguayan Minister of Defence.—United Press.

Protest Denied

London, Dec. 16. It is authoritatively stated that no diplomatic incident has arisen between Great Britain and Uruguay over the latter's treatment of the Graf Spee. Informed quarters denied that Britain is presenting a strong protest to Montevideo at the permission accorded the German ship to effect repairs. The British Minister, Mr. E. M. Hinton Drake is in close touch with the Uruguayan government but none of the communications to him could be called a protest.

A precedent exists for the loose interpretation of the Hague clause governing damage to warships: I.M.S. Glasgow in the last war, remained six days at Rio de Janeiro to repair damage suffered during the battle of Coronel.

The 72-hour delay, ending Sunday night, will really benefit the Allies more than the German since it permits additional reinforcements to arrive.—United Press.

Time Limit Fair

Berlin, Dec. 17. An authorised source here to-day said the time limit allowed the Admiral Graf Spee to remain in Montevideo harbour "must be assumed as being fair" otherwise the German Minister would have taken the matter up with the Government of Uruguay.—United Press.

Limit Set To Stay

London, Dec. 17. It is reported that Uruguay has informed German Legation that the Graf Spee must leave Montevideo before 11.30 p.m. or be interned.

It is also reported that while the cruisers Cumberland and Achilles are keeping watch not far from the coast, the battleship Renown, the aircraft carrier Ark Royal, and French battleship Dunkerque have been seen by coast guards on the horizon.—United Press.

Uncomfortable Visitor

Montevideo, Dec. 17. It is still doubtful when the time limit for the Graf Spee expires. Many circles give 8.30 p.m., Greenwich Mean Time. Local evening papers state 11.30 p.m. At that hour a commission will board the battleship to report on her condition, after which the Government will decide what steps they will take, they state.

There is reason to believe that Uruguay is anxious not to have the Graf Spee in its harbour for the duration of the war and would allow a little extra time if this can be justified and if it assists the warship's departure, but the period would not be extended beyond Tuesday.

If the warship attempts to slip out to-night, she will be aided by clouds, as the naval observatory broadcast at 11 p.m. gives the weather as very cloudy with moderate wind.—United Press.

Commander's Story

Montevideo, Dec. 17. Captain Langsdorf, commander of the Graf Spee, told his own story of

FRENCH HURL BACK BIG GERMAN RAID

PARIS, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—The French to-day hurled back one of the largest German raids of the war on the Western Front. Several company sections, with artillery support, attacked the French lines with the intention of taking prisoners. They were repulsed by automatic rifle fire, hand grenades and counter-fire from the French batteries.

The French and German casemates exchanged desultory artillery fire.

Artillery Duel

PARIS, Dec. 16 (UP).—The first direct artillery duel between the Magnot and Siegfried Lines took place to-day when big guns shattered in concrete block-houses on opposite banks of the Rhine hammered each other at close range for several hours.

Action by patrols has subsided along the entire front. The Germans attempted one outpost attack at Billebe but were driven off.

The naval battle in a report to the Uruguayan authorities. He points out he was handicapped by having to fight on "three quarters."

The rapidity of manoeuvre of the British cruisers so upset his plans that he found himself lacking deep water, until a shot from one of his force guns put the Exeter out of action.

Then the Ajax slipped in towards the shore and scored two hits, damaging the fire control, causing many casualties and penetrating a command post above the waterline. The British gunners placed shells with great accuracy.

As a result, a high percentage of the Graf Spee's crew were put out of action—not only killed and wounded, but also those suffering from bruises and minor injuries.

Captain Langsdorf therefore decided to attempt to escape under a smoke screen with the object of resuming the action under more favourable conditions, possibly taking the British cruisers on separately, but this manoeuvre was rapidly foreseen by the British staff and frustrated. With inconceivable audacity the Achilles and Ajax approached through the smoke screen to within a mile of the Graf Spee, which was fired from both sides.

The Exeter remained to the north, apparently to impede the path of the Graf Spee. Captain Langsdorf adds that the Achilles and Ajax with their speed and mobility continued to harry the Graf Spee, compelling him to increase his fire, while the Exeter assisted them from time to time with long range broadsides.

At this point Captain Langsdorf decided to break off the action.

Later, off Lobos Island, the Achilles and Ajax again closed in and the Graf Spee was forced to slacken speed and fire a broadside "between the enemy at a respectable distance."—Reuter.

Berlin Version

Berlin, Dec. 16. The official news agency reports that British planes participated in the River Plate battle. Several British scout planes were destroyed by the Graf Spee's shells.—United Press.

Mustard Gas Charge

Berlin, Dec. 16. The official news agency reports that "Doctor Walter Merschhoff, at the request of British newspapers, boarded the Graf Spee at Montevideo and conducted examinations which lasted several hours. Dr. Merschhoff found seven sailors with unmistakable symptoms of mustard gas injury."—United Press.

Neutrality Abused

London, Dec. 17. The three-day mystery of the broadcast from Rome which announced the day before the Graf Spee battle, "The German pocket battleship met some bad luck in the South Atlantic," is reported to be clarified in the Daily Sketch's "inside information column" alleging that the report originated with the German airline radio station in Argentina which was seeking to warn the Graf Spee.

The Sketch says that the Uruguayan government made an investigation and revealed that the airline station has been used since the beginning of the war for giving information to German raiders and reporting the movements of British ships and warned the airline to confine the use of the station to directing their aircraft or their licence would be rescinded.—United Press.

American Concern

Washington, Dec. 16. The Secretary of State, Cordell Hull to-day indicated United States concern over the prospects of a second naval battle in neutral waters if the Graf Spee makes a dash from Montevideo.

He intimated that American nations would view such a battle as another serious breach of the Panama Declaration's safety zones. Consultations are now in progress among many American nations over Wednesday's battle upon which they are exchanging preliminary views and information. The Minister was unable to state whether a more formal consultation would be called.—United Press.

AIR PATROLS' WORK

London, Dec. 17. R.A.F. machines have made further successful routine flights over Heligoland and dropped some bombs. The Germans say that the bombs fell into the sea.—Reuter Bulletin.

FRANCE BUYS PLANES

New York, Dec. 17. The New York Times states that France has ordered 650 more Curtiss pursuit planes, making about 3,600 planes contracted for by European countries in the past 18 months.—Reuter Special.

Finns Retreat

Big Battle For North

Oslo, Dec. 16. Yesterday's battle between Salmijarvi and Pitkaranta on the northern Finnish-Soviet front was fiercely fought. Hostilities started early in the morning. Russian bombers played an active part while land forces estimated at 4,000 were in fully motorized units. Finnish reinforcements are now crossing the frontier and the Finns are burning all houses and destroying every bridge in their retreat.—Reuter.

Moscow Communique

Moscow, Dec. 16. Soviet communique No. 16 states: "Our troops have continued their advance on the Murmansk and Ukhta fronts. On other fronts there have been insignificant skirmishes and patrol actions. The Finns have retreated from Salmijarvi and Bruril (on the Norwegian border 45 miles from Petsamo, reported to have been taken by the Russians on December 15) after having burned all buildings and forcibly evacuated the population. Back houses belonging to concession holders were not burned but the windows were smashed and their inhabitants were carried off."—United Press.

Finns Admit Northern Reverse

Helsinki, Dec. 16. A Finnish communique described all Red attacks repulsed with the exception of Petsamo where, for the first time, they admitted "our troops were withdrawn to Salmijarvi." Finns were in pursuit of the enemy at Tolviarvi and were mopping up Suomusalmi where the recent big successes still continued. The destruction of one Russian patrol boat by coastal batteries and the shooting of one Russian plane were noted.—United Press.

Battle Developing

Svanik, Dec. 17. A battle south of Salmijarvi is developing and a major engagement is expected either to-day or Monday. The Russians are moving towards the Finnish positions at Pitkaranta and already established contact with the rear flank of groups of Finnish sharpshooters while the main body of Finns is digging in.

Eleven large Russian tanks have been sighted crossing the ice a short distance from Svanik followed by armoured cars.

The Finns are reported to have found many Russians frozen to death beneath trees under which they had taken shelter because the Finns had burned all houses.—United Press.

No Substantial Red Gain

Copenhagen, Dec. 16. General Wallenius, commanding the Finnish forces in northern Finland, told a correspondent of the National Tidende, that the Russians, after 15 days of war, have attained no object of military importance on that frontier. The only gain of economic importance was Pitkaranta, north-east of Lake Ladoga, where big cellulose works are situated.

The Russian strategy, he said, so far consisted of steam roller mass attacks regardless of tactics.—Reuter.

Highlights In South

Helsinki, Dec. 16. To-day's communique said, "There was heavy fighting at many points on December 15, the highlight being the complete crushing of a Russian tank attack at Taipale in which 50 tanks participated; 14 were destroyed and four captured. Hundreds of the enemy are dead."

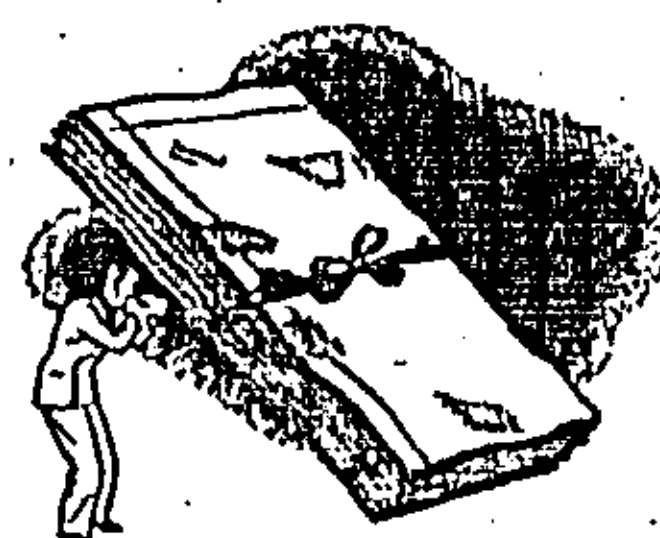
Another Finnish victory was at the point where the Taipale river crosses the Russians back to the frontier. The Finns repulsed the Russians in their attempt to cross the river in boats. The Russians struck in the centre of the Karelian Isthmus after firing tons of six-inch and three-inch shells. The Red infantry attacked in successive waves, preceded by six-ton tanks, which crumpled under accurate fire.

About 25 miles north-west of Loholma, a Finnish offensive drove the Russians back to the frontier. The Russians are reported to have abandoned 15 tanks.—United Press.

SINGAPORE BASE

Singapore, Dec. 17. Mr. R. G. Casey and Mr. Peter Fraser, Australian and New Zealand representatives respectively to the London conference of Empire Ministers, passed through Singapore to-day on their way home by air. They visited the Singapore naval base and said it was heartening to see what had been done.—United Press.

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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

IRELAND'S GALLANT BUT UNAVAILING EFFORT

China Fully Extended To Win By 4-2: Hills Brilliant In Defence

(By "Rex")

DESPITE A GALLANT EFFORT that earned for them the unstinted praise and admiration of both European and Chinese spectators alike, Ireland were defeated by China by four goals to two in a first round match of the Sunday Herald International Cup at Caroline Hill yesterday. On paper they presented meagre opposition to the Chinese, but on the field they worked like Trojans, and with a little more luck might have sprung the biggest surprise of the season in defeating them.

Granted that the Chinese had not their full representative side out, it is still a matter of conjecture whether Hills, on the form he displayed, could not have held Fung King-cheong and Lai Shiu-wing as well.

Moore was not very much to blame for a faulty display. Under similar conditions any other goalkeeper might have failed to pieces. It was Hills' first representative game, and he was the outstanding player of both sides. He combined admirably with Sheehan to give one of the finest defensive displays seen this season. But for the services of this pair, Ireland might not have been what they were. These defenders seemed to inspire confidence in the halves and forward line, which did not fail.

D. Leonard played a very quiet but effective game in subduing the Chinese forwards. He had the measure of Lee, and he was given excellent support by Smart and Honniball, both of whom were responsible for breaking up many of the Chinese movements.

Of the forwards, Jorge gave a very fine performance, combining with O'Regan and Martin to give the Chinese defence many anxious moments, and, at times, nonplussing them with splendid combination. A. Leonard, on the left wing, was very unobtrusive, and seemed tame when compared with Brackenbury, on the right, who showed up exceptionally well towards the close of play, outplaying and out-running the Chinese defence.

SELECTION JUSTIFIED

FOR the Chinese, Tam had a hectic afternoon, but he fully justified his selection. Mak Sul-hon and Tsang Chung-wan had not the understanding, but as individuals were

HOW TEAMS FARED

FIRST DIVISION

Police	1 S. China "A"	3
Kowloon Club	4 Eastern	3
	2 Royal Scots	1

SECOND DIVISION "A"

K.H. Choe	1 South China	3
5th R.A.	0 Eastern	1
R.A.O.C.	2 8th R.A.	1
Club	0 30th R.A.	3

SECOND DIVISION "B"

Engineers	2 R.A.F.	0
Kwong Wah	1 Royal Scots	4
Kowloon	2 Police	1

THIRD DIVISION

South China	1 12th R.A.	2
Engineers	2 R.A.S.C.	1
24th R.A.	3 Kummons	1
Royal Scots	0 R.A.M.C.	0
5th R.A.	0 Signals	1

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stalwarts. Hsu King-seng again played an excellent game. He is the most consistent centre-half I have seen this season, and one of the best in the Colony. He gave a display of the attacking centre-half, which has only been equalled by Bright. The Kam-hung and Lau Tsui-tsun were very patchy, and inclined to be a little hasty in their tackling. The Chinese forward line suffered terribly in the absence of Fung and Lal, with the consequence that Lee Wai-tong was not given support, and appeared to have an off-day. Cheuk



Sgt. Lang, the Army centre three-quarter, who gave a brilliant display just about to break through for his grand try, while Sub-Lt. Kennedy (left) and Lt. Col. Clark (right) attempt to intercept him. The Army won by 20-0.—Ming Yuen.

Golf Championship

J.T. SMITH EASILY BEATS F.D. HUNTER AT FANLING

At Fanling yesterday J. T. Smith beat F. D. Hunter comfortably by 9 and 8 over 36 holes. The weather was perfect, though at the start the greens and fairways were wet with dew. There was a slight breeze in the afternoon, but not enough to make any difference.

From an indifferent start, Smith got the lead at the first hole and increased this to four up at the turn. Hunter did not win a hole till the fourteenth, and was not in his best form, cutting a good many of his shots, nor did he have the best of luck.

Smith, out in 35, made one or two errors but recovered in every case and his putting was absolutely deadly on greens that were good. After 13 holes he was seven up and after 17 nine up. He lost the 18th and went to fifteen eight up.

In the afternoon both were out in 36 and there was no change in the position, but a fine three at the tenth made Smith nine up and eight to play. The players completed the round and Smith came home in 33 to give him a score of 69; good enough golf to win in any championship.

The figures were as follows, and must be taken as approximate only, as in one or two cases the players did not hole out:

Smith (1st 18)	5, 4, 3, 3, 4, 4, 3, 4, 5, 35
4, 5, 2, 4, 5, 5, 3, 4, 5, 37	72
Hunter (1st 18)	6, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 3, 4, 7, 40
5, 5, 3, 5, 3, 6, 4, 5, 4, 40	80

Robinson (Navy); Roughley and Henley (Navy); Layle (Navy); Bright (M'sex) and Wilkinson (M'sex); Gardner (H.K.E.); Thorburn (Navy); Fowler (Club); Saw (M'sex) and Thomas (M'sex).

Reserves—E. Strange (Club); Brett (Navy); Hides (R.A.O.C.) and Freshwater (M'sex).

Players are requested to report to the manager of the team, Mr. W. E. Hollands, in the dressing-room at 3 p.m. sharp. Uniform, shorts and stockings will be supplied.

a fine pass to Cheuk, who combined with Yeung to bring the ball right in. Yeung centred for Cheuk to head the ball in.

A goal was given, but on consulting with the linesman, the decision was reversed and offside was given against Cheuk.

China returned soon after, when Chung and Yeung indulged in a display of top passing which ended with Yeung scraping the upright.

Honniball provided the crowd with its first thrill when he allowed Lee to slip through but Lee's parting shot was yards above.

CHINA EQUALISE

CHINA again broke through after an interval of defensive play, and Lee sent Yeung off with a long pass for him to run right up the field to part to Cheuk, who left Moore standing with a shot that hit the top of the net. Honniball then sent Jorge off with a nice pass, for the latter to tap to O'Regan, and, receiving it back almost immediately, let loose from 15 yards out, but the ball sailed over the crossbar. Hsu missed to Lee, but Hills robbed him of the ball. Hsu gained possession to shoot from 60 yards out for Moore to clear shakily.

CHINA GO AHEAD

CHINA pressed for the ascendancy which was soon to come. A PLEASE Turn To Page 9.

Rugby Tournament

ARMY TROUNCE NAVY 20-0

Excellent Display By The Backs

(By "Fly-half")

A SPLENDID DISPLAY by the Army back division gave them victory over the Navy by 20 points (2 goals, a dropped goal and 2 tries) to nil in the last game of the first round of the Triangular Tournament. This win places the Army in a strong position to at least become joint holders with the Club of premier local honours. Their display on Saturday would place them as favourites for their match against the Club this Saturday.

Navy, out-played up forward, became disorganised behind the scrum, and were mainly seen in good defensive work for most of the game. Stevens was at his best in tackling, and was worthily applauded, when he was full back, for his head-on tackle of Waite in full flight. He hit the Army centre-three with such force that the three was lifted off his feet, and thrown on his back. More similar tackles by the same player were seen when he moved up to inside-three vice Nicholl, who went to the full-back position after he had sustained what appeared to be a foot injury.

The Army pack gave a good display all-round, and at eight deserve mention. Pinkerton, Sutherland, Page and Duke were the men to catch the eye in the loose. Berry worked extremely hard, though his eagerness generally spoiled his finishing, when he was inclined to kick and rush instead of maintaining continued control of the ball in his dribbles.

May was an accomplished scrum-half, and may be taken to have solved the Army problem. His passing was methodical and never wild, whatever the occasion. He has a safe kick, and knows when to use it in defence. A pleasing phase of his game was his effective stopping of foot rushes by lying cleanly on the ball for sufficient time to hold up the attack and allow his forwards to gather around.

HOOK DISPELLED many doubts as to his ability as an attacking stand-off half. He took his passes cleanly and passed out crisply, and at the correct moment to allow his inside maximum attacking power.

With the halves throwing away no chances, the Army backs received their opportunities, and made good use of them. Lang was more direct in his attack than Waite, an impression gained, perhaps, because Waite uses such long strides and powerful swerves, which from the grand-stand appear to be executed at half speed.

Skipworth was an active wing-three and did a lot of good work in the centre of the field in covering up. He invariably turned defence into attack with considerable success. Artinistall justified his inclusion without being brilliant. Pictou, at full back, was reliable, but was seldom called on.

Although beaten in all phases of the forward game, the Navy pack stuck to their task, with Brown, Ferris and Charles generally in the van.

A BUSY AFTERNOON

CARTER AND CLARK, behind the losing pack, had a busy afternoon in defence work. Carter, in the second half, probably because he saw his inside three were making little headway, tried to get through on his own with no success. Bowden and Kennedy, on the wings, were given few opportunities in attack, and generally found themselves in positions where they were forced to kick into touch or be tackled in possession. Paul and Nicholl, and later Stevens, could make no headway against Army defence.

Army went into attack from the kick-off, but frittered away their opportunities by overdoing the tough-kicking even when on top of the Navy line.

THE FIRST TRY

SUTHERLAND picked up in the loose, and battered his way over for PLEASE Turn To Page 9.

CASH SWEEP WINNERS ON SATURDAY

The following were the lucky cash sweep numbers at the Races on Saturday:

RACE	No.	Amount
RACE 1	No. 4140	\$2,604.75
	070	\$888.25
Number of tickets sold, 4,670		
RACE 2	No. 3330	\$2,626.40
	3323	\$1,157.40
	4417	\$375.20
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 4,127, 2,015, 4,708, 2,050		
Number of tickets sold, 5,200		
RACE 3	No. 1497	\$2,804.20
	3635	\$801.20
	2322	\$811.60
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 4,137, 2,014, 520, 3,280, 30		
Number of tickets sold, 5,600		
RACE 4	No. 3580	\$3,138.00
	4364	\$200.00
	5134	\$440.40
Number of tickets sold, 5,000		
RACE 5	No. 3114	\$5,601.20
	3530	\$1,023.20
	2322	\$811.60
Unplaced ponies (\$100 each): Nos. 1,115, 4,141, 2,511, 4,700, 4,777, 2,230, 5,246		
Number of tickets sold, 11,600		
RACE 6	No. 3569	\$3,178.60
	1050	\$207.60
	1050	\$453.80
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1,534, 2,710, 1,070, 1,715, 005		
Number of tickets sold, 6,300		
RACE 7	No. 819	\$3,337.00
	1270	\$553.60
	6254	\$470.80
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 2,603, 1,170, 3,400, 4,741, 4,633, 5,806, 3,037, 2,193		
Number of tickets sold, 6,000		
RACE 8	No. 3377	\$6,421.40
	1484	\$1,834.40
	1484	\$917.20
Unplaced ponies (\$100 each): No. 12		
Number of tickets sold, 12,200		

Reception Prepared For Jack Dempsey

Manila, Dec. 16 (UP).—A huge reception has been prepared by Government officials, business executives and sportsmen for Jack Dempsey, who is due to arrive here by Clipper to-morrow afternoon.

Dempsey May Omit Visit To H.K.

Owing to the delay of the China Clipper through a typhoon Jack Dempsey, who was expected to arrive in Hongkong to-day, may omit his visit altogether, as being unable to reach Hongkong before Wednesday he would be very rushed to get down to Manila for the Lee-Garcia fight on Saturday.

Mr. Jas Cortes, the promoter of the Garcia-Lee bout, said that if there is any possibility of the Clipper being held up in Hongkong by bad weather Dempsey will be asked to postpone the fight to the Colony as the fight has already been cancelled once. The fight is scheduled to take place on December 23.

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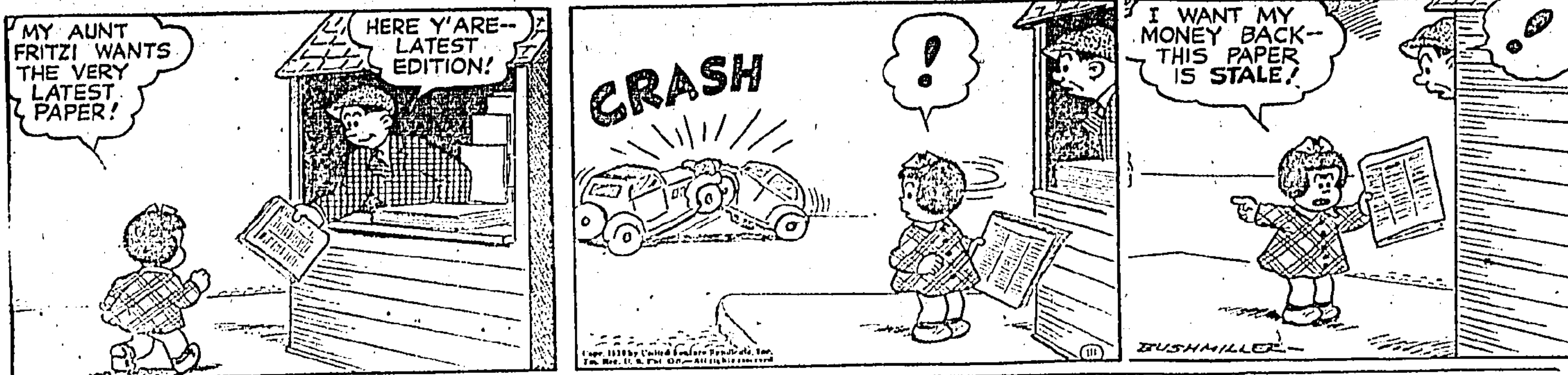
Kowloon C.C. Beat Kowloon B.G.C.

The Kowloon Bowling Green Club entertained the Kowloon Cricket Club in a friendly tennis match yesterday. The visitors won by 38 games. In the men's doubles the Bowling Green beat the Kowloon C.C. by 35 games to 32. The Kowloon C.C. registered a victory of 47 games to 20 in the women's doubles and beat the Bowling Green by 66 games to 46 in the mixed doubles.

Women's Singles

Mrs. E. Liffon beat Miss R. Rum-john, 6-3, 6-2, in the Ladies Open tennis singles tournament on Saturday.

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

SIREN IN KHAKI

A young soldier, stationed near London, is the "awful example" of the war-time dangers of mimicry. His imitations of farmyard sounds, express trains and sergeant-majors were the joy of his company. But success led to his fall. The other day he tried to imitate the "warbling note" of the air-raid warning signal. The result was so realistic that it was mistaken for a raid warning. Troops sprang to action-stations, guns were pointed skywards and a convoy rushed off to guard a neighbouring town. Result: The offender is now quietly practising "birds" songs at evensong in the peace of military confinement.

Rum For Air Raid Victims

From the "Medical World" The rum ration was often of the greatest assistance at first-aid posts under fire in the last war, but it has not yet penetrated to the consciousness of the official medical officers—lay or Army—that it is sometimes equally good for the raid-shocked civilian. The medical officer will be wise who sees to it that any unit for which he is responsible is not without a rum ration for use at need.

OBJECTOR'S DUAL NATIONALITY

A YOUNG man of dual nationality—British and Swiss—appeared before the London Tribunal for conscientious objectors at West London County Court. He was C. J. Baerlocher, of Perry Road, Acton, and the clerk (Mr. Clayton Smith), on behalf of the Ministry of Labour, explained that on reaching 21 Baerlocher would have to choose which nationality he will adopt. Baerlocher said he was born in England and had lived here all his life, except for a year he spent in Switzerland. He was enrolled in the Swiss Military Medical Corps, but Switzerland, he said, would never go to war about anything unless they were attacked on their own ground. He said he was willing to do land work or civilian defence work.

"Done Our Share" Another objector, W. H. V. Adlington, of Scarborough Road, E., wrote stating that his father lost a leg in the last war, and his grandfather died from war service. "My father, like myself, was an only son, and we consider we have done our share in the cause of war," he added.

Philip Edward Bailey, of Tudor Road, Hampton, said his understanding of Christianity made it impossible for him to kill his fellow men. "I denounce war and the preparation for it; I shall work only for peace," he said. He added that he was not willing to join the R.A.M.C. or work "under Government control." N. L. Calhoun, of Castle View Gardens, Ilford, wrote: "Battered for one's fellow men, which I think is necessary towards the success of a war, is incompatible with the Christian principle of love."

Valentino's Widow Clings To Her 'Peke'

BORDEAUX.—Because she was not allowed to have her Pekingese dog with her in her cabin, Natasha Rambova, former wife of Rudolf Valentino, walked off a liner in which she had booked a passage from Bordeaux. A veterinary surgeon's certificate saying that the dog would die if parted from its mistress could not change the mind of the officials. The authorities allowed Natasha to travel across France to a Mediterranean port, where she hoped to find a shiping line that will allow her pet to remain with her.



Army Beat The Navy

(Continued from Page 8.) (By "Fly-half")

A good try, which Berry came near to converting. Not long afterwards, Lang dashed over for a try which Waite converted. This gave the Army an eight points' lead at half time. In the second half, Army's superiority was decisive, and May was kept busy feeding Hook. In a sole Navy attack, Paul nearly let Bowden through, but Pinkerton came across smartly to grass the winger, and Pleton was not harassed when he placed the ball into touch. Duke, who was very active in following up, while his feeding and quick passes out to his three led to a score midway through the second half. Waite gathered a pass to cross over for an unconverted try, which caught the Navy side napping.

PREMEDITATED MOVE

ARMY'S NEXT SCORE was a dropped goal well manoeuvred, and which appeared to have been a move worked out in advance. From a scrum in front of the Navy posts, the ball went out to Hook, who hesitated as if he were going to attempt a drop, and then he dashed off to the left, and on seeing his way barred he threw out a long pass behind his scrum to Lang, who was on the right hand side of the scrum (well back), and who took deliberate aim and dropped a grand goal. Duke then let Pinkerton through for a try which was converted by Lang. Dr. J. A. R. Selby refereed. Army: Capt. R. J. Selby, Arling (R.E.), Sgt. Lang (R. Scots), Cpl. Waite (R.E.) and Lt. Skipwith (R.A.), Mr. Evans (R.A.), Cpl. Sutherland (R. Scots), Lt. Hewitt (Middlesex), Lt. Pinkerton (R. Scots), Pte. Berry (Middlesex), Sgt. Pace (R.A.), Lt. Cuthbertson (R. Scots) and Capt. Duke (R. Scots). Navy: Capt. Duke (R. Scots), Lt. Kennedy, Lt. Carter and Lt. Cdr. Clark; Ldg. Wtr. Enlow, Lt. El Brown, Mid. Martin, P.O. Smart, A.B. Longmuir, C. Wtr. King, P.O. Lt. Charles and Ldg. Wtr. Ferris.

Police 10 Club 8

Police defeated Club by 10 points (two goals) to 8 (a goal and a try) in a close encounter which took place prior to the main game. It is understood that Club played men who were fighting for their places in next week's match against the Army. Police must be congratulated on their fine display, which must justify their inclusion in the senior games next season. A Quadrangular Tournament next year would now seem to be a certainty. Club lost last Saturday's game through lack of a sure place kicker. Admittedly a difficult attempt to convert was missed, but then Charter failed badly with a kick practically in front of the Police goal. Henderson is surely Club's best short and medium distanced kicker, and it was strange that he was not entrusted with the penalty. Wall was exceedingly safe at full-back for the Police. Taylor and Fay were the pick of a very sound Police

Still at It, Still Wrong

KARL VON WIEGAND, "the Kaiser's Press agent," who visited Hongkong in 1937, is at it again. This German-born American journalist, who described himself during the last war as the "official Press representative with the German Army," is now working in Amsterdam for Mr. William Randolph Hearst's newspaper chain. In a message published in America he quotes Dutch opinion as believing that "England and France have probably lost the war already." From 1914-16 von Wiegand repeatedly claimed the Central Powers were invincible. In August 1916 he wired his newspaper: "Rumania will not enter the war against Germany." Rumania did NOT come in—until a week later. He was the mouthpiece of the German Fleet for its come-opera challenges to British from the Baltic and fortress protected anchorage of Wilhelmshaven.

BELGIANS HEAR GUN-FIRE

BRUSSELS, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—It is reported that the sound of gun-fire coming from the direction of the sea, was heard on the Belgian coast. The firing was described as being apparently of a serious nature.

Purchasing Fleet Of Cargo Ships

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—Sir Ashley Sparke, representative of the British Ministry of Shipping, is understood to be the head of a delegation in New York negotiating to purchase a fleet of cargo vessels.

Three line. Indeed, Fay has never played better in this Colony. Leslie, at stand-off half, was in form and generally had the measure of young Thomson, his vis-a-vis. Lushcombe put in a hard afternoon's work.

OUTPLAYED IN SCRUMS

UP FORWARD Police were outplayed in the tight scrums despite their superior weight man for man, and this might be somewhat accounted for by the fact that they packed 3-4, with Riddell playing 5/8. Dempsey was outstanding in the line-outs for the Police, where he gave his side an advantage. Jackson, at inside forward, was a grand worker in the loose, and should prove to be invaluable in this position for the Police, now that he is no longer required as a three-quarter.

In the tight scrums, Club forwards did well, with Salter hooking excellently. In the loose, backing up in attack, and covering up in defence, the Club pack showed up poorly except in individual efforts. Deane, Bompas and Kennedy were the Club best.

A STUMBLING BLOCK

HENDERSON and Thompson did well without indulging in individualist movements. They found Riddell a stumbling block, if they held on long. Carruthers dropped his passes too frequently. He redeemed himself to a certain extent by following-up well in attack, whilst in defence he was sound. Charter was the mainstay of the backs, and had he been better supported his efforts would have been better taken advantage of. Van Leeuwen and Lavalle found Taylor and Reynolds too much for them. Thomson again showed improvement at full back.

Wilson weaved his way through the Club back division to touch down and draw first blood for Police. Fay converted from an easy position.

Carruthers replied for Club. Charter failed to convert.

Soon after the resumption, Henderson, backing up well, raced over to touch down for Club. Charter converted.

Police replied almost immediately with a try by Taylor which Fay converted.

The teams were: Police—J. R. Wall; D. H. Taylor, B. C. Fay, G. S. Wilson and H. U. Reynolds, R. H. Leslie and F. C. Lushcombe; A. Wheeler, P. Cullinan, L. A. Bonner, J. H. Hayward, R. S. Dempsey, H. W. Jackson and J. S. Riddell.

Club—F. M. Thomson; H. Van Leeuwen, J. C. Charter, M. O. Carruthers and H. Henderson; R. E. Hoeman, K. W. Salter, E. W. Stout, F. A. Bompas, A. M. Kennedy, J. M. Deane, A. J. O. Taylor and J. B. Dunnett.

Ireland's Unavailing Effort

(Continued from Page 8.)

movement started by Ip saw the ball sent over to Chang who repeated to Ip to shoot across the goalmouth. Lee slipped it back to Ip who again sent it across, this time for Cheuk to meet it with a weak shot that dribbled under the leg of Moore who was too slow in getting down to it.

LUCK AGAINST

FROM the resumption, Ireland attacked and panned the Chinese in their own area, but luck was dead against them. Their approach work was beyond reproach, but their finishing had a great deal lacking. O'Regan forced a corner, but A. Leonard sent in a weak shot which had no difficulty in clearing. D. Leonard and Honnball advanced further afield, and gave more rope to Cheuk and Chang, who ever and anon made raids on the Ireland goal. In one of the raids Cheuk pulled a mangle, and was absent for a few minutes, but he returned to instigate a dangerous raid which came very near a goal. Jorge was to the fore at this period; once back-heeding to Brackenbury who was a slight too slow and lost a good chance. Brackenbury redeemed himself minutes later when he centred right at the toes of Jorge who pushed the ball in with Tam unbalanced, but an offside kick was given against Jorge.

PENALTY AWARD

SHORTLY after this, Tsang was pulled up for a doubtful hands, and after O'Regan and Hills had declined the responsibility, Sheehan scored with a rasping low shot. Undaunted the Chinese strove gamely if weakly against the pressing attacks of the Irish, and Ip put them ahead again after combining splendidly with Young. Near on several occasions, but China was to go still further ahead when in a melee in front of goal, Lee tapped the ball in, with Moore wondering about the whereabouts of the ball.

The teams: China—Tam Kwan-hon; Mak Sul-hon, Tang Chung-wan, Sam Shui-tan, Hu King-seng, Te Kam-hung, Yeung Shu-yick, Chang Ching-hai, Lee Wai-long, Cheuk Shuk-kam, Ip Pak-wai, Ireland—Moore; Hills, Sheehan; Smart, D. Leonard, Honnball; Brackenbury, P. Jorge, O'Regan, Martin and A. Leonard.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued 12.30 p.m. Saturday says:

Market ruled quite steady for the short session, closing with a firm undertone.

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Yau-mat Ferries \$23½
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Electric \$53
Sandalan Lights \$11.60
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Dairy Farms (Old) \$21
Dairy Farms (New) \$20½
Watsons \$9.85
Entertainments \$6½
Constructions (Old) \$1½
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Bank of East Asia \$70
H. & S. Hotels \$5.10
Lands \$34
Tramways \$17.30
Telephones (Old) \$25½
Sales
H.K. Bank \$1,350
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Demonstration	.11	b
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Ipo Gold	.13	b
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Manabulo Con.	.10½	a
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Mind. Operation	.10½	a
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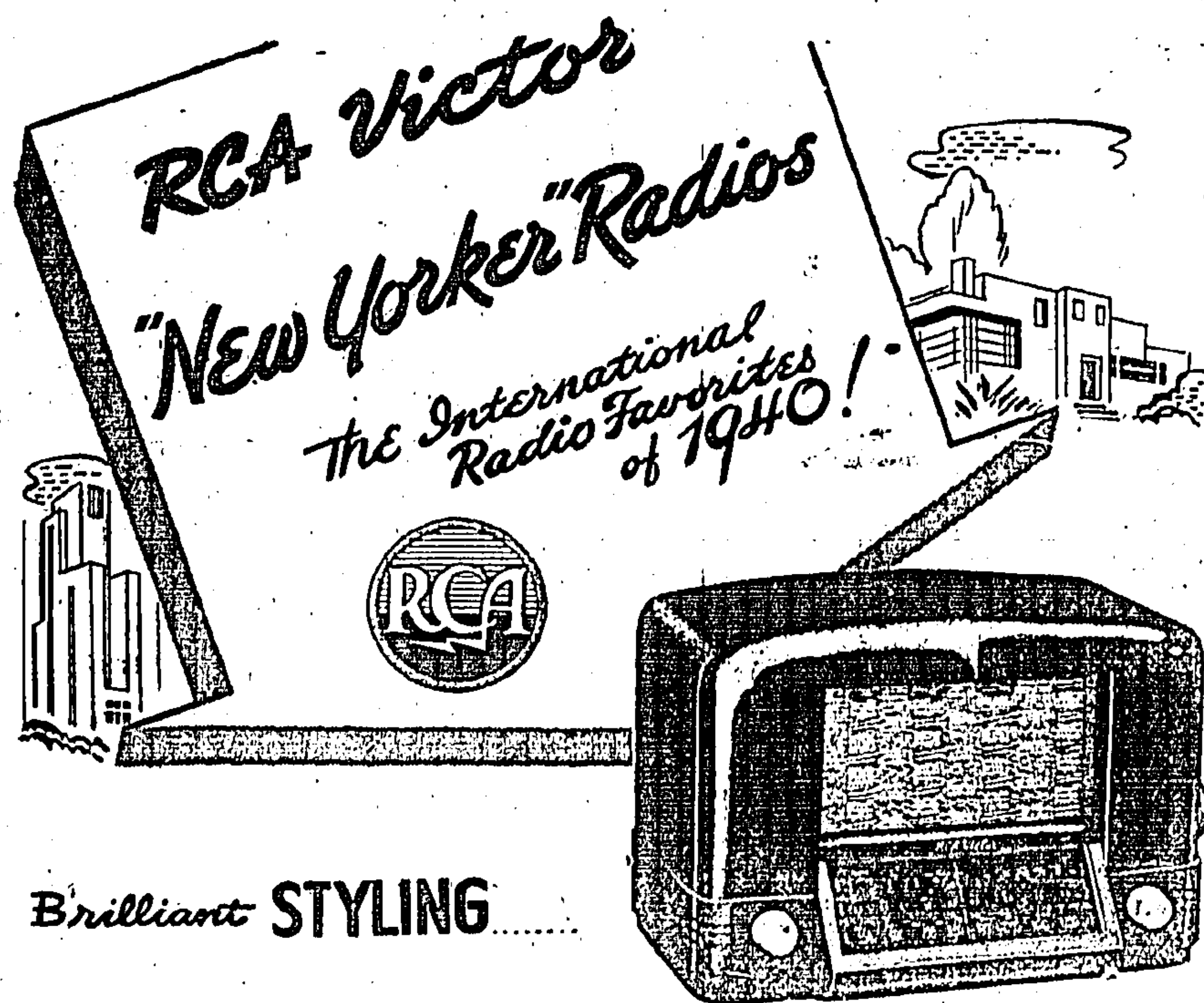
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Materials.—3oz. Paton and Baldwin's sock wool. Four No. 9 needles pointed at both ends.

Tension.—Six stitches to the inch (unstretched).

Abbreviations.—K—knit; P—purl; Sts—stitches; Rep—repeat; Rem—remain; tog—together; Beg—beginning.

Note.—Work into backs of cast-on or picked-up sts. to produce firm edges. Using double wool and 2 needles, cast on 102 sts. and work in ribbing of

K1, P1 for 8 rows. 9th row. * P4, K2. Rep. from * to end of row. 10th row. * K2, P4. Rep. from * until 3 rem. K2, P1. Rep. these two rows 15 times. Cast off.

Cast on 36 sts. and work 9th and 10th rows 15 times. K2 tog. at each end of every row until sts. are reduced to 12. Cast off. Sew top and side edges of this piece to casting-off edge of first piece.

Using set of needles and with right side of work facing, pick up 84 sts. evenly along lower edge, cast on 22 sts. for front (106 in all).

Work in ribbing of K1, P1 for 34 rounds. Cast off loosely. Press well on wrong side under a damp cloth.

Right Mitten

Materials.—3oz. khaki or Air Force blue 3-ply wool. Four No. 9 needles. Cast on 56 sts. (19 on 2 needles and

18 on the third) and work in ribbing of K. 1, P. 1 for 34 rounds.

Rd. 35: K. 2, k. twice into each of next two sts. k. to end. Work 2 rds. plain (these are worked between each increasing).

Rd. 36: K. 2, k. twice into next st., k. 2, k. twice into next st., k. to end.

Rd. 41: K. 2, k. twice into next st. (this will be referred to as "inc. 1" in future), k. 4, inc. 1, k. to end.

Rd. 44: K. 2, inc. 1, k. 8, inc. 1, k. to end. Rd. 47: K. 2, inc. 1, k. 8, inc. 1, k. to end. Rd. 50: K. 2, inc. 1, k. 10, inc. 1, k. to end. Rd. 53: K. 2, inc. 1, k. 12, inc. 1, k. to end.

Rd. 56: K. 2, inc. 1, k. 14, inc. 1, k. to end. Rd. 59: K. 2, inc. 1, k. 16, inc. 1, k. to end.

Rd. 60: K. 2, slip the next 18 sts. on to a safety pin, turn, cast on 6, turn, k. to end (62 sts.). Work 18 rds. plain, followed by 6 rds. in ribbing of K. 1, P. 1. Cast off.

FOR THE THUMB: Transfer the 18 sts. to needles and pick up 6 sts. at base of hand. Work 6 rds. plain and 6 rds. ribbing. Cast off.

Work the thumb as before.

Left Mitten

Cast on 56 sts. and work in ribbing of K. 1, P. 1 for 34 rounds.

Rd. 35: K. 2, k. twice into each of next two sts. k. 2. Work 2 rds. plain between each increasing (before Rd. 38: K. 2, inc. 1, k. 2, inc. 1, k. 2. Rd. 41: K. 2, inc. 1, k. 4, inc. 1, k. 2. Rd. 44: K. 2, inc. 1, k. 6, inc. 1, k. 2.

Rd. 47: K. 2, inc. 1, k. 8, inc. 1, k. 2. Rd. 50: K. 2, inc. 1, k. 10, inc. 1, k. 2. Rd. 53: K. 2, inc. 1, k. 12, inc. 1, k. 2. Rd. 56: K. 2, inc. 1, k. 14, inc. 1, k. 2. Rd. 59: K. 2, inc. 1, k. 16, inc. 1, k. 2.

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Work the thumb as before.

DO YOU KNOW?

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Party Temptation

I HAVE found that the most Coffee Cream

successful party sweets are not the rich dainties which do not mix well with hot rooms and uproarious games, but refreshing jellies with a topping of cream and nuts, popular trifles and simple blancmanges made in pretty colours to give them a festive air.

For instance, your guests are sure to be tempted by grapefruit "moons." Here is the recipe as well as a number of other popular party sweets which will make the table look gay.

Grapefruit Moons

To make a dozen "moons" you need six grapefruits. Remove the pulp, add this to two dissolved pint jelly squares.

Make up with hot water to measure two pints, then nearly fill the fruit skins with the jelly.

Leave to set, then decorate each moon with whipped cream, chopped pistachio nuts, a glace cherry, and a spiced almond.

Nearly everyone likes jelly, but it is especially good when fruit is added.

Try this tempting recipe:

Fruit Jelly

Ingredients: 2 packets strawberry jelly, 1½ pints water and fruit juice, mixed fruit such as grapes, canned strawberries, pineapple, and apricots.

Rinse a fairly large mould out with cold water, leave the inside wet, and place mould in a pan of very cold water or broken ice.

Dissolve the jellies in the hot water and fruit juice, pour a little into the mould, and allow it to set. Add some of the fruit, contrasting the colours, and cover with more jelly and leave to set.

Repeat until the mould is full, taking care that each layer of jelly is set firm before adding fruit. Turn out when set and serve with cream.

Rainbow Blancmange

Ingredients: 2 level tablesp. corn-flour, 3 tablesp. sugar, 1½ pints milk, a pinch of salt, colouring.

Mix cornflour to a smooth paste with a little of the cold milk, put the remainder of the milk into a saucepan with a pinch of salt. Bring to the boil, then pour over the cornflour and stir. Rinsing out the pan with cold water, return the mixture to the pan, add the sugar, then boil and stir for 5 minutes.

Have ready four basins. Pour a little of the creamy mixture into each, adding a few drops of different colouring to three, leaving one white. Use a teaspoonful of cocoa for one, colour another with one or two drops of cochineal, the third with green vegetable colouring.

Pour each section separately into a wet mould and leave to set. When turned out, the blancmange will resemble a rainbow.

Most grown-ups will appreciate this coffee-flavoured sweet.

Ingredients: 1½ pints milk, 2 tablesp. strong coffee, 2 eggs, 2oz. caster sugar, ¼ pint thick cream ½oz. gelatine.

Dissolve the gelatine in the hot coffee. Boil the milk in a double boiler, let it go off the boil, then add the eggs and sugar. Cook very slowly until the mixture thickens, remove from heat and add coffee and gelatine.

Allow to cool a little, then stir in the whipped cream, pour into a wet mould and leave to set. Turn out and decorate with ground almonds.

Chocolate Bananas

Quickly prepared for the party.

Smear the skinned bananas with raspberry jam, then roll in grated chocolate. Or the chocolate can be melted over a gentle heat, the bananas coated with it and put on a wire rack to dry thoroughly.

Serve with sweetened whipped cream or custard.

Creamy Trifle

Just watch how quickly this trifle will vanish.

Ingredients: 10 small sponge cakes, 3 glasses of home-made wine, sherry or fruit juice, ½ dozen macaroons, 2oz. ratafias, 1 pint custard, ¼ pint thick cream, jam.

Split the sponge cakes and spread with jam, arrange in a glass dish and pour over the sherry, wine or fruit juice. Allow to soak for half an hour, then sprinkle over the crushed macaroons, and cover with the cold custard.

Whip the cream, sweeten and flavour, then spread or pipe it over the custard.

Decorate with the ratafias, and some glace cherries and spiced almonds.

Raspberry Cream

This delicious sweet is made with a tin of raspberries. Rub the fruit through a hair sieve, then add ½ pint thick custard, ¼ pint whipped cream, and ½oz. of dissolved gelatine.

Mix thoroughly, then pour into a wet mould, and leave to set. Turn out and decorate with whole raspberries.

Orange Compote

A large glass bowl filled with a compote of oranges will tempt hot and thirsty guests. This is how to prepare this delicious, fruity sweet.

Dissolve 1lb. loaf sugar in ½ pint water, bring to boil and simmer for 15 minutes. Add six large, juicy oranges, peeled and cut into slices.

Sprinkle a little of the grated orange rind over the top, and a few chopped walnuts. Serve with cold cream.

Lemon Meringue

A sweet refreshing to the palate. Ingredients: 6oz. shortcrust pastry, 2 eggs, 4oz. butter, ½lb. caster sugar, juice and rind of a lemon, ¼ pint boiling water, 2oz. cornflour.

Line a buttered pie-dish with the shortcrust, put in some crusts of stale bread, then bake in a hot oven for 20 minutes. Remove crusts and return pastry to oven to finish cooking.

Blend cornflour to a paste with a little cold water, pour over the boiling water and lemon juice, and turn into a saucepan. Boil and stir for six minutes. Remove from heat, add sugar, grated lemon rind and yolk of eggs, then cook until thick.

Turn into the pie-dish, pour over the egg whites, stuffy whisked with a little caster sugar, then bake in a slow to moderate oven until meringue is firm.

Sauteur Cup

SOAK two or three slices of peaches or apricots in enough brandy to cover them. Press through a strainer. Then add a bottle of Sauterne or Borden's white wine and two bottles of soda water. Serveiced.

General notes on wine cups: White wine or cider, still or sparkling, can be used. Barley sugar is better than ordinary if sweetening is required. Fruits and spirit should soak for at least one hour before adding the wine and soda. Soda, welliced, should be put in at the last moment.

Crossword Puzzle

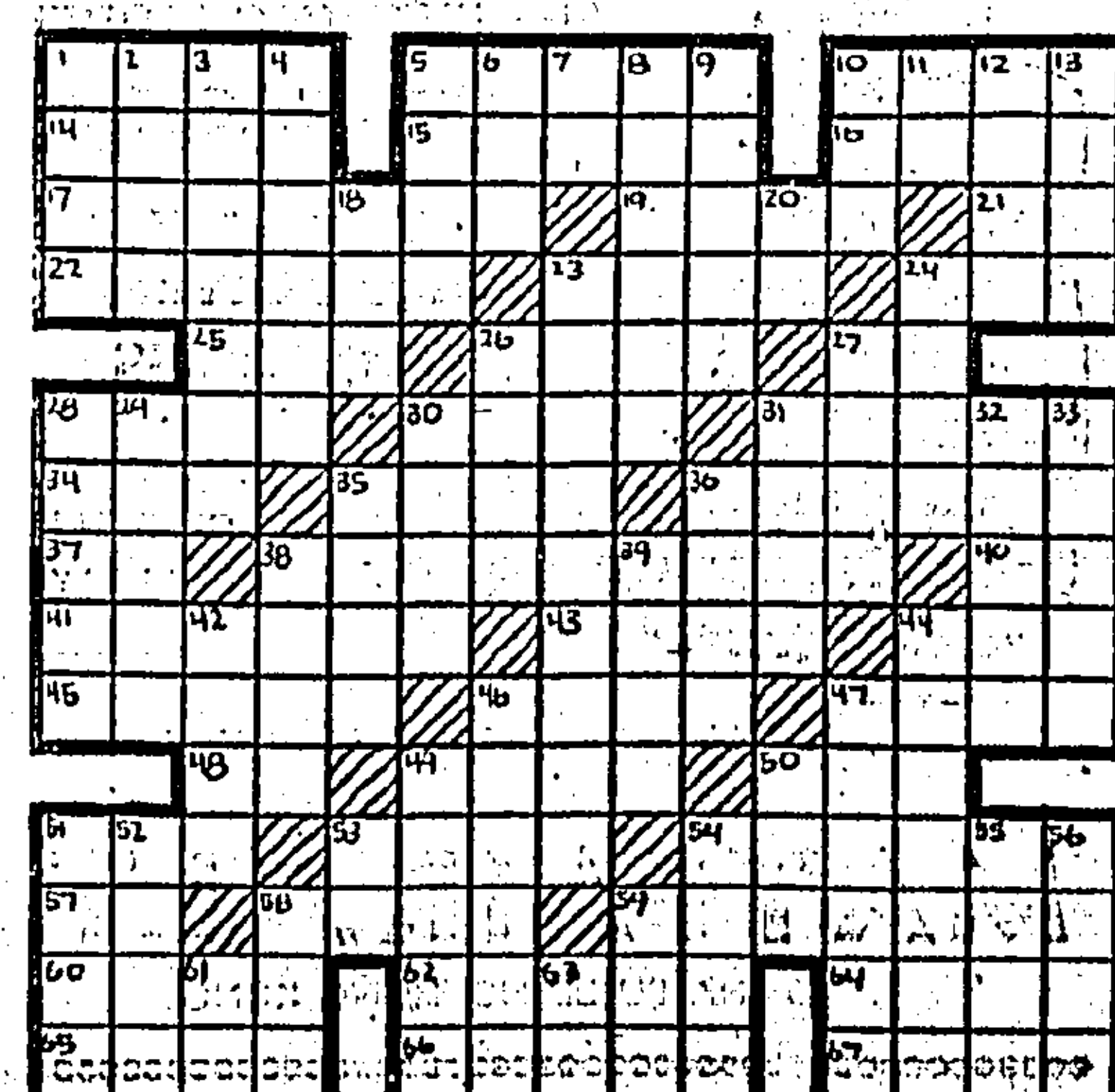
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ACROSS

1—Fights with
2—Discoverer of North America
3—Disappeared
4—Japanese ornaments
5—Booze
6—With mouth open
7—Scene of Rangoon
8—And Croquet's defeat
9—Lack of success
10—On a grand scale
11—Life
12—Landed property
13—Gawaine's wife
14—Metric measure
15—Frogan water
16—Snow white
17—Public notice
18—Square of glass
19—Beneficiary
20—Halter
21—Oral object
22—Appears
23—Minister
24—Negative
25—Publicly quickly
26—Parent
27—County in Ireland
28—Short while
29—Belonging to him
30—Astral and emotional
31—Hair on neck
32—Little design in cloth
33—Printer's unit
34—Dialled intensely
35—Associate's coll.
36—Flemish
37—Measure
38—Unusable
39—Boundary-line

DOWN

1—Years of life
2—Kiss
3—Orbit-shucker
4—Lawsword
5—(Pharm.)
6—Otherway
7—Heavenly body
8—Domesticated
9—Western Indian
10—Dressed in
11—Take out
12—Miss entrance
13—Trick through
14—Part of church
15—Pretence to
16—Outright
17—Patience
18—Unit of diagnosis
19—Pradicate
20—Levantine sailing-vessel
21—Tern of head
22—Affectedly (formal)
23—Statistical unit
24—Three of a suit
25—Food dish
26—Tall
27—Takes in card
28—Blood pump
29—Tiger
30—Cul open
31—Military assistant
32—Martyr
33—Insolence power of
34—Poetry
35—The moon
36—Italian ancestor of
37—Ship—cass
38—Interested
39—Talent
40—Wife of scale
41—Three-toed sloth



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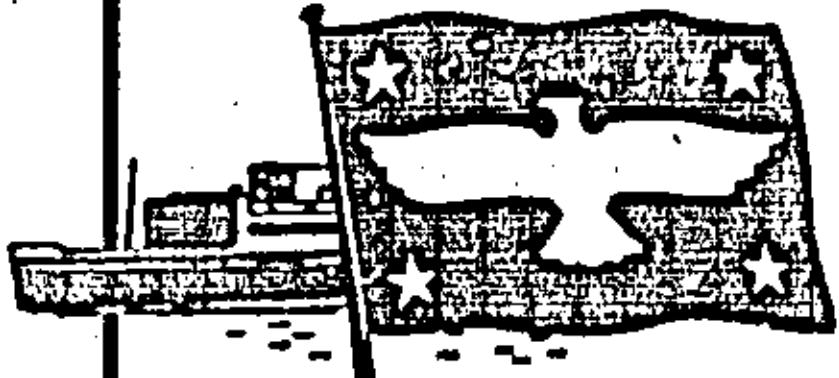
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goil when off the English
coast was foretold in tea-
leaves before she sailed.

The Lochgoil, of 9,462 tons,
was outward bound with cargo.
Before she left port the crew spent
a few hours at a sailors' rest.
One sailor, who had just finished
a cup of tea, noticed the peculiar
picture formed by the tea-leaves.
His mates provided round and navy
what appeared to be a sinking ship,
a lifeboat going to her rescue, and
someone signalling from shore.
"You can take it from me," said
the man with the cup, "we are going
to cop it before we have been out
many days."

CAPTAIN INJURED

A day after leaving port an ex-
plosion occurred which injured the
master, Captain W. C. Tarrant, and
five of his crew.
Deck-hand William Zimmerman, of
London, who had just taken over the
wheel, said the explosion came from
the bows.

The ship was badly damaged, but
she was successfully beached.
Her cargo was taken off, and she
is to be repaired and refloated.
Five Lascar seamen were injured
by an explosion in the Anchor
Brookbank liner Marawari, near
the Welsh coast.

Arabs and Lascars formed the
majority of the crew of 91.
Mohamed Jama, a deckhand, who
was in his bunk when the explosion
occurred, said:
"The doors crashed in and the
lights went out. There was a rush
on to deck, and water was already
pouring in."

RADIO BLOWN AWAY

"The radio was blown away."
"As the ship took a heavy list the
skipper, Captain Richardson, ordered
us to take to the boats."
"There was no panic, but some of
the crew were praying."
"We reached shore in the ship's
boats."

The Marawari was taken in tow
by tugs, and the European officers
were landed.
The liner was bound from Belfast
to Newport, Monmouth, in ballast.
It is not known whether she was
struck by a mine or attacked.
Twenty of the crew were landed
at Port Talbot, and the remainder at
Swansea.

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EUPEN, Belgian-German

This is certainly the most in-
teresting town in Belgium for its
news about Germany. Eupen is not
only less than 10 miles from Aix-la-
Chapelle, but still has regular com-
munications with that town.

Although there are many young
Germans in Eupen and the surround-
ing district with strong Nazi sym-
pathies, very few have tried to
volunteer for military service in
Germany.

"Their hearts may be in Germany
but their stomachs are in Belgium,"
was how a Belgian official described
their attitude.

Eupen is the main city of that
small region annexed by Prussia in
1915 and restored to Belgium under
the Treaty of Versailles.

As the town grew during the Ger-
man occupation a number of its
inhabitants came from Prussia, no-
tably officials. So Germany has strong
roots there.

The last elections gave to the Bel-
gian-inhabited lists a majority of 62
per cent.

About the military value of the
Belgian army, the opinions of the
Germans of Eupen differ. Some say,
looking westwards towards the hills
marking the main position of the
Belgian Army of Liege, that there is
no comparison between 1914 and
1939 and that the region could hold
big surprises for any German forces.

Others, puffed up by the German
victory in Poland, affirm that the
Belgian army would have the fate of
the Polish in much less time.

But the idea generally prevailing
is that Hitler, to avoid the Liege and
Namur fortifications, will try to
reach central Belgium by violating
Dutch neutrality.

Belgians in Eupen fear the blunt
occupation of that region, which is
practically "no-man's land," be-
tween the Siegfried Line and the
Liege fortresses.

Every time Hitler repeats his guar-
antee to Belgium, their fear grows,
maintaining that a Hitler guarantee
has always heralded an invasion.

The Swiss don't miss

PARIS.

Here are two stories about
Switzerland and Germany.

1. Guards on the Swiss-Ger-
man border are not friendly.
One morning the Swiss found in
the road a "present from the
Germans"—a pile of offal marked
"with our compliments."

Next morning the Germans
found in their road a great pile
of butter. A note said: "Each
side gives what it can spare."

2. Before the war Switzer-
land tried in vain to buy fighter
planes from Britain, France and
Italy, and at last tried Germany.

"Certainly," said the Germans,
"we'll give you forty Messer-
schmitts for them."

So the Swiss paid on delivery
—in Swiss cheese.

Soon after war began the
Swiss wanted more fighters.
Britain, France and Italy again
could not oblige. Germany again
could.

"Yes," said the Germans, "we
shall send you forty more
Messerschmitts. But this time
we must get our cheese in ad-
vance and you may have to
wait some time for the planes."

CHALK WITH CARE

By LINDON LAING

POETS are invited by the
Preussische Zeitung to
chalk up on the walls of
Germany diatribes against
Great Britain.

The following "poem" is said to
have caused great satisfaction
when it appeared on a wall in
Berlin:—

"Swift as a strong young
chamois
We will be, at need, beside the
Thames."

THEN the same writer goes on to
tell of another artist, one A. Man-
salski, who in 1934 drew what was
considered an unflattering portrait of
Hitler beneath which he wrote a
rhyme.

Massalski denied responsibility but
he was sentenced to "two and a
half years' imprisonment. When
this term expired the authorities
found cause to take him into pro-
tective custody, where he stayed
until September.

"He then attempted to blame some
one else for the whole affair and
has now been sentenced to a fur-
ther six months' imprisonment for
false denunciation."

Readers of the Preussische Zeitung
will, of course, take the hint and
be careful what they chalk up on
the walls of Germany.

THE Boersche Zeitung discusses the
difficulties of judges who must often
decide whether a robbery has been
committed in a black-out (in which
case the penalty is death) or not in
a black-out (in which case the
penalty may be only a few months'
imprisonment).

The editor concludes that as it is
war time the judge should always
give the black-out the benefit of
the doubt.

THE Hamburger Fremdenblatt has
a scheme for making things easier
for housewives who have to go out
to work.

"Buy an apron for your husband
and give him a little surprise when
he gets home," is its advice.

AUNT ANNIE, who conducts the
correspondence column in the Boer-
schen Zeitung, regrets that she gets so
many gloomy letters nowadays. She
says that she looks in vain through
her mail bag for a ray of happiness.

She goes on to advise her woman
readers how best to turn the con-
versation politely from the ever-
lasting topics of rationing and re-
strictions.

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night, in the cosy bar of the Emperor
of India, they drank a silent toast to
the immortal memory of "The Cap-
tain."

They had read with sadness how
out-gunned and out-manoeuvred, he
had fought his merchant cruiser
Rawalpindi against hopeless odds
when the German pocket battleship
Deutschland loomed up in the north-
eastern mist off Iceland.

And they had drawn their black-
out curtains hours before the winter
dusk in tribute to the neighbour who
had come among them ten years ago,
who knew them all by their Chris-
tian names, who talked runner-beans
and cabbages to them over the fence
and revelled in rural joys after hav-
ing retired to live ashore.

'He Was A Man'

We went this afternoon on a pil-
grimage to Captain Kennedy's house,
Lyttelton, which has stood furnished,
but empty, since he went to the war.
Harry Looker, the captain's gardener
led the way.

"He was a man, was the captain,"
said Harry.

"He called me when I was weed-
ing the lawn one day a few weeks
ago. He was high jumping for joy."

"Harry my man, they've given
me a ship," he said. "It will be
my third campaign." He'd been in
the Boxer rebellion in China, and
in the great war before he settled
down here—for the rest of his life
as he thought.

"So off he went to the station in
his old seven h.p. car, and off went
the missus and her two daughters—
they're twelve and thirteen—to Scot-
land to be near him when he came
ashore." Their son, nineteen, is a
midshipman.

Over a truckle bed, in the cap-
tain's room framed behind glass,
was a tattered piece of bunting.
An inscription in faded ink show-
ed it was part of the flag which
had covered dying Nelson in the
Victory on Trafalgar Day.

Framed on another wall was a
diagram showing the positions of the
British and German fleets on
November 21, 1918—the day of the
great surrender on the high seas.

'Der Tag'

Captain Kennedy, serving in the
Grand Fleet, had been present that
day. "Der Tag," he had inscribed
the diagram, "little knowing that,
twenty-one years later, almost to the
day, he was destined to meet again
the German naval power."

I went sadly down the village
street, said a "Daily Express" Staff
Reporter. I thought of the blazing
Rawalpindi, her ensign still flying,
of the old 7 h.p. car in front of the
jasmine-covered porch waiting to
take an old sea dog to the war, to
the strains of "Tom Bowling" in the
village hall.

"And now he's gone aloft."

JAPANESE BUDGET

Yen 1,274,780,000 For
The Army

Teio, Dec. 17.

The estimates for the Army for
the 1940-41 fiscal year total Yen
1,274,780,000 including Yen 181,510,-
000 of ordinary expenditure and Yen
1,093,260,000 of extraordinary ex-
penditure.

Appropriations for new under-
takings include Yen 375,950,000 for
improvements in armaments, Yen
401,910,000 for replenishments in
Air Corps and air defences, Yen
20,000,000 for improvements in equip-
ments, and Yen 11,550,000 for other
purposes, totaling Yen 800,120,000.—
Domei.

Manchukuo Budget

Hankow, Dec. 17.

The Manchukuo Government on
Monday announced its Budget for
the 1940-41 fiscal year. The General
Budget totals Yuan 570,000,000 both
in revenue and expenditure and the
Extraordinary Budget totals Yuan
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total amounts to Yuan 600,000,000.—
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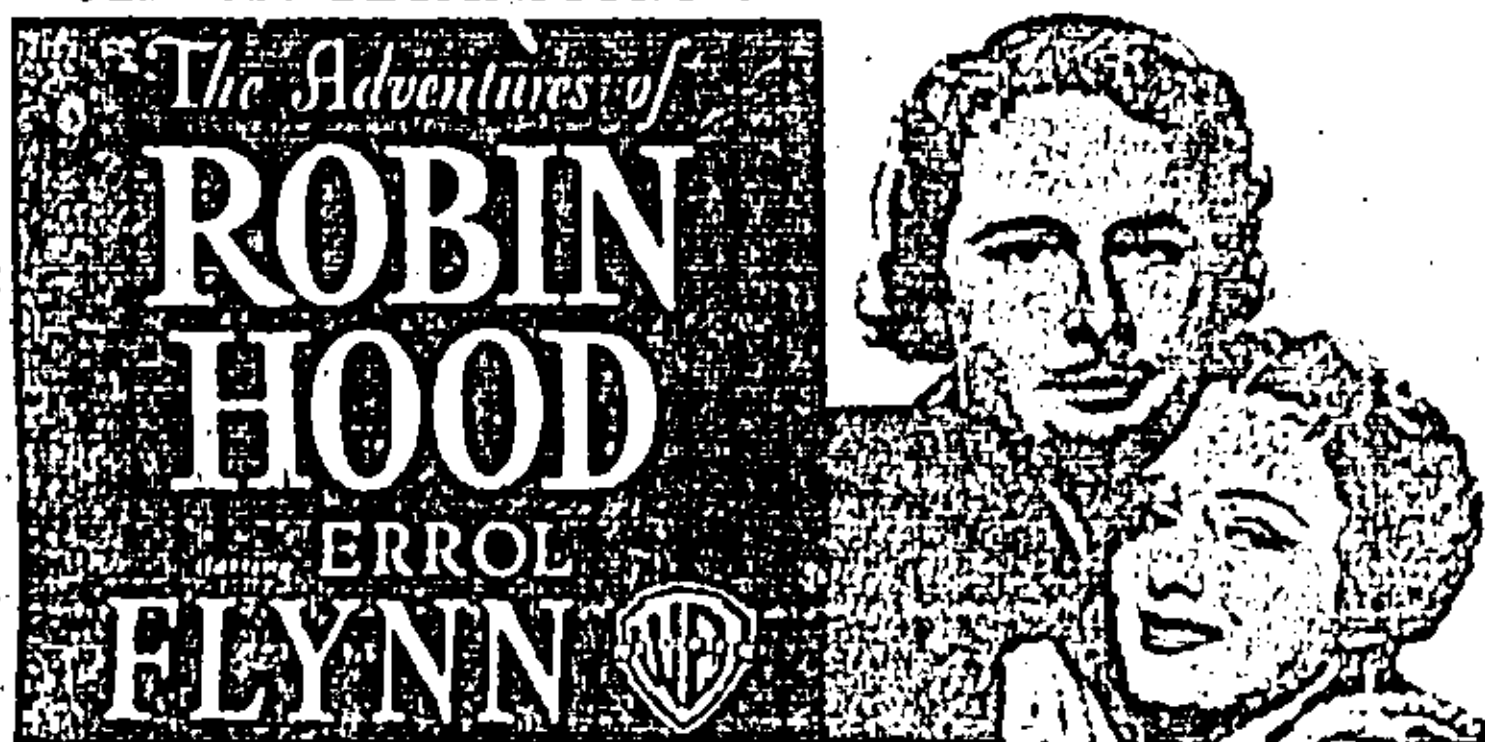
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LATE NEWS

ARMOUR TORN TO FRAGMENTS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 17 (UP).—The explosions were caused in the Admiral Graf Spee's munitions stores. The four inch armour on the ship's sides was literally torn into fragments.

The ship sank evenly until the muddy waters of the River Plate rushed in through the huge holes; then the Admiral Graf Spee listed sharply.

Huge clouds of smoke and steam almost obscured the cruiser as she went down, watched by hundreds of thousands of awe-inspired spectators. The first explosion occurred at 5.50 p.m.

The ship was scuttled outside the main access channel of the estuary's path to Paises in order not to interrupt traffic.

Latest Of Type

The Admiral Graf Spee was laid down at Wilhelmshaven in October 1932, and was completed on January 6, 1936.

She was the latest of the so-called "pocket-battleship" type, her older sister ships being the Deutschland and the Admiral Scheer. The Admiral Graf Spee was named after Admiral von Spee, who lost his life and his ship in the Battle of Falkland Islands 25 years ago.

The complement of the Admiral Graf Spee was 920 men. Her armaments comprised six 11-inch guns, eight 5.9-inch guns, six 4.1-inch anti-aircraft guns and eight torpedo tubes. She carried two aircraft.

Her eight sets of 0.750 h.p. diesel engines gave her a speed of only 20 knots, but she was capable of steaming 10,000 miles without refuelling. Cost £3,750,000.

The "pocket-battleships" were the first ships of their size to have electrically welded hulls and to be propelled by diesel engines. She cost £3,750,000 to build.

British Pilots Await New Calls To Duty

BITTER AERIAL WARFARE LIKELY

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—Britain's air arm in France is hastening preparations for a hard winter, says "Reuter's" special correspondent with the R.A.F. in France.

The season shows every promise of being bitterly cold on the West Front, and it may well be one of bitter aerial warfare as well.

Air Minister's Warning

In view of its proximity to Germany, which is within easy striking distance, the air force expects to have a big share to what Sir Kingsley Wood called another and "more strenuous and difficult" chapter of the war in the air which, he warned the House of Commons, might open before the spring.

The air force is speculating keenly on what the Air Minister's words may foretell.

While they hope that the new development be delayed till after the Christmas and New Year leave, they are just as eager to have a crack at the enemy.

Rice Riot In Shanghai

Quelled After Loss Of 20 Bags Of Rice

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17 (UP).—One minor riot occurred in French Concession this afternoon in the course of which the rioters seized twenty bags of rice.

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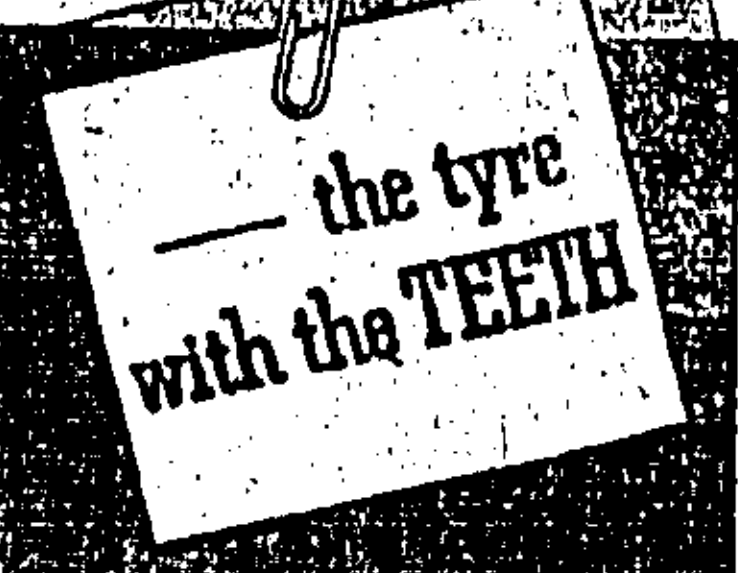
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MONTEVIDEO, DEC. 18.—(UP).—RATHER THAN SUFFER THE HUMILIATION OF INTERNMENT FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR, HITLER LAST NIGHT ORDERED THE DESTRUCTION OF THE PRIDE OF THE GERMAN NAVY, THE 10,000-TON 'POCKET BATTLESHIP' ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE.

THE ORDER WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE'S COMMANDER, CAPTAIN LANGDORF, AT 7.25 P.M. (6.55 A.M. H.K.T.) TO-DAY.

THE ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE WAS DYNAMITED AND SCUTTLED FIVE MILES OFF MONTEVIDEO.

GRAF SPEE LATEST

LANGDORF IS SAFE

Cumberland Stands By Burning Ship

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 18 (UP).—Contrary to earlier reports, Captain Langdorf did not go down with his ship.

It has been confirmed that the Commander of the scuttled Admiral Graf Spee is now aboard a motor launch en route to Baïres.

He will presumably be interned for the duration of the war as soon as he lands.

The Admiral Graf Spee has not completely sunk, and is still burning fiercely.

At 8.50 a.m. a third terrific explosion ripped off the central control tower.

The ship's fuel oil—she is loaded with sufficient to carry her 10,000 miles—has provoked even greater fires, with the flame shooting twenty yards into the air.

The British cruiser Cumberland, former temporary flagship of the China Squadron, together with a British destroyer which cannot at present be identified, are rapidly approaching the scene.

All available ships in Montevideo harbour have rushed to the scene. They include tugs, lighters, launches and even small steamers.

The Argentinean gunboat Libertad and an Uruguayan cruiser also rushed up.

Bows Above Water
The fires continue to burn despite the fact that the Admiral Graf Spee **PLEASE To Turn Page 4.**

RUSSIAN BEATEN-UP

Cowardly Assault By "Puppet" Police
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Dec. 17 (UP).—It is reported that Tatso police beat up a Russian Inspector of the Chinese General Omnibus Company this morning following an argument between him and two Chinese civilians who are alleged followers of Wang Ching-wei.

The civilians refused to remove their bicycles from the bus. They called the "Tatso" police when the Russian Inspector ordered their removal.

The Tatso police are reported to have taken him to the police station where he was released at noon following intervention by the Municipal police.

The warship weighed anchor shortly after 6 p.m., and cleared the Montevideo breakwater at 6.30 p.m., watched from the shore by a crowd of tens of thousands which included many of the British seamen released from her when she dashed into port on Thursday.

CAPTAIN'S LAST WORDS

Just before the warship left, Captain Langdorf turned to Uruguayan officials and said:

"I will try to clear the blockade.

"If I cannot I will sink my ship. Good-bye."

After clearing the breakwater the Admiral Graf Spee headed south.

At the estuary of the River Plate she stopped for half an hour whilst over 900 of her crew transferred to the 8,000-ton German freighter Tacoma.

The Commander remained aboard.

A few minutes later there were two terrific blasts. The sides of the Admiral Graf Spee literally stove in, and the warship burst into flames from end to end.

DISAPPEARS FROM VIEW

Within a few seconds of the two explosions the pride of the German Navy had disappeared from view.

The Tacoma slowly headed back to Montevideo where, presumably, the crew of the Admiral Graf Spee will be interned for the duration of the war.

Contrary to earlier reports, neither the Renown nor the Ark Royal were off Montevideo; the vigil being maintained by H.M.S. Achilles, H.M.S. Ajax, H.M.S. Barham, H.M.S. Cumberland and the French cruiser Dunkerque.

But the battleship and aircraft carrier were not far away. They unexpectedly arrived at Rio de Janeiro on Sunday, bearing evidence of a forced crossing of the South Atlantic from Africa, where they had been previously reported last week.

Ask Dr. Goebbels

Thus, for the second time within ten days, comes indisputable confirmation of the fact that the Ark Royal was not sunk by the Nazis, despite the insistence of Goebbels' propaganda department and Zeppen Radio.

Significantly, Zeppen Radio has ceased ending its English sessions with the slogan: "Ask Mr. Churchill what has happened to the Ark Royal!"

The Ark Royal and the Renown cleared Rio de Janeiro at 6.10 a.m., the giant aircraft-carrier docking two hours later in order to take on fuel and provisions.

Ten hours later the Ark Royal cleared Rio de Janeiro, under forced draught and headed for Montevideo, where, as it turned out, her services were not required.

The Renown docked as soon as the Ark Royal left and commenced an all night job of re-provisioning and **PLEASE Turn To Page 4.**

Exeter's Losses

Casualty List Issued By Admiralty

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 17 (UP).

—The Admiralty has issued an official list of the dead on board H.M.S. Exeter.

The names of the officers included:—

Lieutenant-Commander John Bowman-Mainfold

Midshipman John S. Rickard.

Paymaster Sub-Lieutenant Donald H. Tyler.

Captain (Royal Marines) Humphrey R. D. Woods

Acting Sub-Lieutenant Clyde A. L. Morse (missing, believed killed).

Those wounded included:—

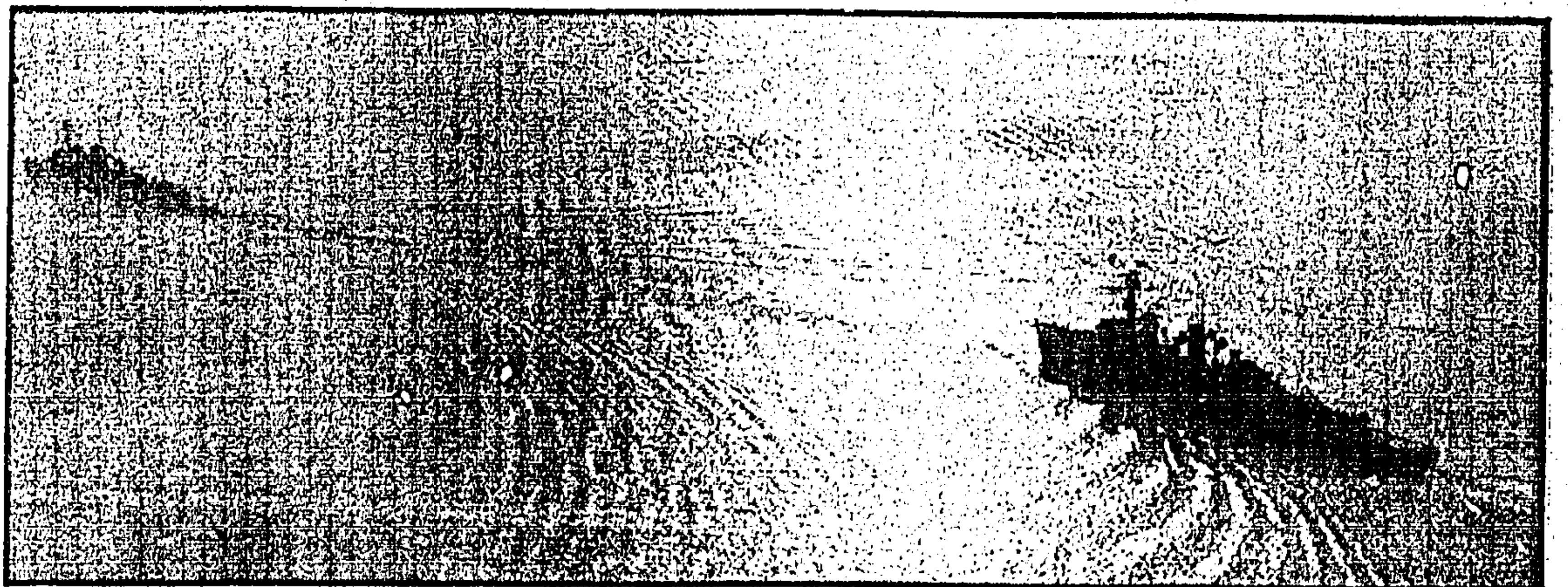
Probationary Temporary Sub-Lieutenant Jack E. Causton

Acting Gunner Thomas Lynn

Paymaster Midshipman Leslie D. E. Needham and W. Penn-Gaskell.

61 Killed, 23 Wounded

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuters).—The Admiralty announces that five officers were killed and three wounded, and that 59 ratings were killed and 20 wounded on H.M.S. Exeter during the engagement with the Graf Spee.



LIGHT CRUISERS OF THE GERMAN FLEET AT SEA.



A.R.P. workers on their way to an air raid rehearsal. Uniforms similar to these are to be worn by all men and women engaged on A.R.P. duties.

Soviet Reverses Continue

FINNS STUBBORNLY HOLDING OUT

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 17 (Reuters).—A communique issued to-day states that the advance continues slowly on the Tolvaajeri front.

All Soviet attacks on the Karelian Isthmus were repulsed and heavy losses were inflicted on the Russian battalions at Loimola.

It is semi-officially announced that 176 tanks were destroyed or captured since the war began.

Successful Resistance

PARIS, Dec. 17 (Reuters).—Latest news here regarding the progress of the war in Finland shows that the Finns are successfully resisting in the Karelian Isthmus.

Near Lake Ladoga the Soviet attacks were repulsed. In the north, the Russians are making headway in their attempt to cut the country in two.

At least two Russian columns are active with this aim in view, and the opinion here is that they will be dangerous to the future of the Finnish defence if they continue to make the present headway.

No Important Gains

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 17 (Reuters).—General Wallenius, commanding the Finnish forces in the north, told a correspondent of the "National Tidende" that the Russians, after 18 days of war, have attained no object of military importance on that frontier.

The only gain of economic importance was Pitkanranta, north-east of Lake Ladoga, where are the big cellulose works.

The Russian strategy, he said, was **PLEASE To Turn Page 4.**

Finns Destroy Soviet Army's Prestige

NAZIS LOSE FAITH IN NEW ALLY: SWEDEN'S FEARS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 16 (UP).—Finland's stubborn resistance has dealt a severe blow to the prestige of the Soviet Russian armies. Throughout Europe, even in Germany, the reputation for invincibility of the huge Red military machine has been badly tarnished in the eyes of her neighbours.

By their valiant defence, the Finns have gone far to unmask the bugaboo and break the Russian steamroller. In one week, the tough little Finnish army has given the Red army reputation—a reputation enhanced by extreme secrecy—a distinct black eye.

This stubborn stand by the Finns against the colossal invader may have important political repercussions throughout Europe, and an effect on the future progress of the European war out of all proportion to the extent of this struggle.

Germany's Doubts

He told me that the people of Germany are already beginning to ask themselves, "What is this so-called great military power with which we have allied ourselves, when little Finland can successfully resist? Maybe we didn't make such a good bargain after all in our pact with Russia."

He said the mass of people in Germany have been seized with apprehension about the encroachment of Russia in the Baltic. They feel that it is meant to be directed at and against Germany in the long run and will constitute a future menace to German security.

A Finnish girl travelled all the way from London on my plane to join the Finnish Women's Auxiliary Army. She was already dressed in high leather boots and breeches, and hoped to go into service immediately.

80,000 Women War Workers

"We can work behind the lines which will release more men for service. Our organization numbers more than 80,000 women already. We do whatever work is necessary in order to put more men with rifles on the front line," she said.

At Asbo, workmen were busily boarding up windows as protection against bomb blasts. The streets were swarming with fine, smart-looking soldiers in long grey overcoats. In every town along the railroad from Asbo to Helsinki, there was visible evidence of military preparations.

The train itself was on a regular schedule, faster than most trains in England these days.

War's Darkest Blackout

Upon arrival in Helsinki, I found the most complete blackout I have ever experienced. There **PLEASE Turn To Page 4.**

NAZI PLANE RAIDS ON EAST COAST

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuters).—The Air Ministry announced that enemy aircraft appeared at several points off the East Coast late in the afternoon.

A.A. guns were fired for a short time in the Humber district.

Fighters engaged the enemy and pursued them out to sea.

No air-raid warning was sounded.

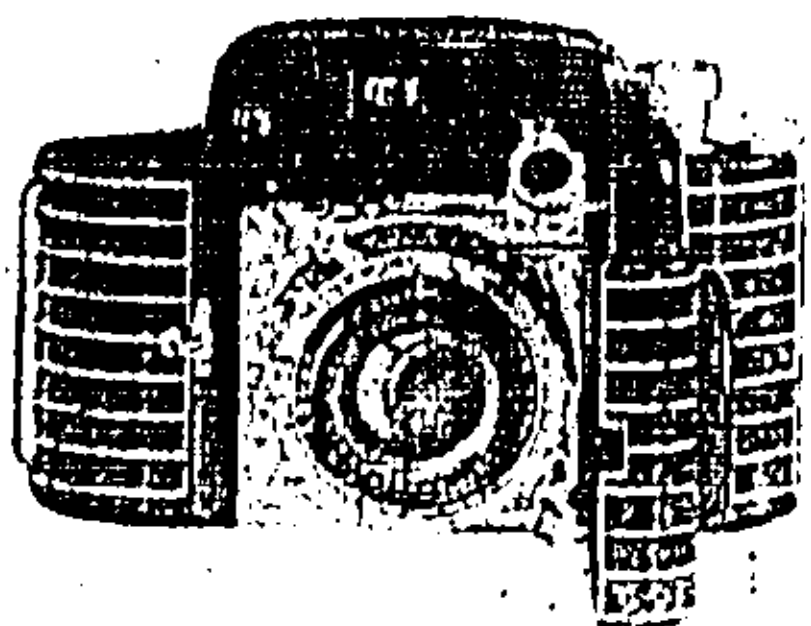
LATEST

Berlin Decision

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Dec. 17 (UP).—The semi-official D.N.B. news agency has issued a statement saying it was decided to sink the Graf Spee, after Uruguay had "refused time to make her seaworthy."

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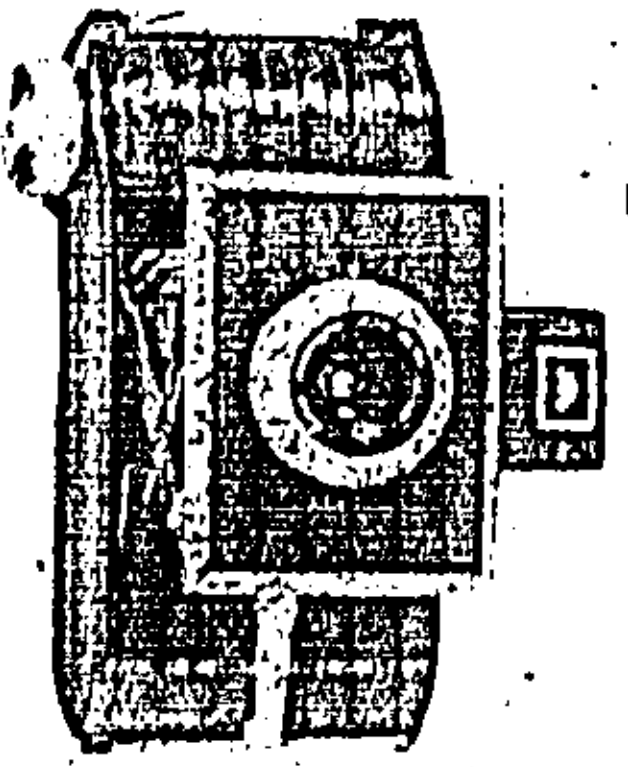


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ABSENCE OF RAIDS

WEIGHTY FACTS FOR GOERING

By Major F. A. de V. Robertson

LONDON.

One is constantly asked why there has hitherto been no whole-hearted air action by the bomber forces of either side. As regards our own reasons we cannot go beyond what the Prime Minister said in his broadcast recently. Our bomber force will be used at the proper time—that is to say, when it can be used with the greatest effect.

A bomber force is a sort of general reserve and is the most flexible of all arms. When a land battle is in progress its proper function is to attack the back areas of the enemy's army and hamper the moving up of reinforcements and munitions. It can at a moment's notice be switched over to attack factories and industrial areas. It can help the fleet, as the R.A.F. did when it raided Wilhelmshaven and badly damaged the Graf Spee, and as the Germans tried to do when they raided the Firth of Forth.

Our own bomber force, already strong, grows stronger every day as the factories turn out more machines and the training schools turn out more crews. When the time comes to use it it will be a very formidable striking force.

The German Air Force

As for the Germans' abstention from mass attacks on Britain and France, one can only make conjectures. But it is remarkable that, whereas the German Navy has abandoned all the rules of civilised warfare, the German Air Force has hitherto scrupulously respected them—since the end of the Polish campaign, apart from the dropping of mines by parachute. There have been no attempts to bomb residential areas and in the raid on convoys the bombs have almost certainly been aimed at the naval escort ships—quite legitimate targets—and not at the merchantmen.

It may be that the German authorities are fully alive to the vulnerability of their country. The Ruhr, for instance, on which about 60 per cent of German heavy industries are based, is very vulnerable; and it may be that so far the Germans have shrunk from provoking a great competition in bombing practice.

Inferior Equipment

They may conceivably also be restrained by tactical considerations. There is not the least doubt that in both bombers and fighters the German Air Force is less well equipped than the R.A.F. Taking bombers first, we have adopted the policy that bombers must be able to defend themselves, and, realising the difficulty of holding a machine-gun steady in the rush of air at the present speeds of aircraft, we have fitted our bombers with gun turrets which are operated by the power of the engine, so that the gunner can swing his gun and himself in any direction without exertion.

The German bombers have not got power-operated turrets. They decided that bombers must rely on speed and evasion—and they have been proved wrong. They cannot beat off our fighters, while our bombers have frequently driven off German fighters and have sometimes shot them down.

In fighters also we have a clear advantage. Our eight-gun fighters have been a great success, greater even than we had hoped. The German fighters have only four guns. Moreover, since the French captured a Messerschmitt 109 and tested it in mock combat against their own machines we have learnt that it is a bad aeroplane. Both the Curtiss and the Morane proved their superiority to the Messerschmitt, and we know that the Hurricane is better than either of the French fighters. All these considerations may well give pause to Field Marshal Goering.

Of course designers are busy on both sides. We must expect better German types to appear, but we shall also have better types to meet them. Finally, there is a difference in the men. There is a description for the German Air Force, but none for the R.A.F.

U.S. Labour Wants German Boycott

CINCINNATI.

A recommendation that the trade union boycott against German and Italian goods be reaffirmed is made in the annual report of the American Federation of Labour, issued to-day.

"We protest," it says, "against the persecution of minorities in the totalitarian nations. We protest against racial persecution and the development of racial hate. We plead for the substitution of freedom, democracy and tolerance among all the people in all nations throughout the world.

"We favour our nation offering our mediation services for peace," it states, "and we hope that the warring countries may be prevailed upon to accept them."

It is emphasised that the report was drafted before Germany's "peace offensive" opened, and the Federation is therefore in no way supporting Hitler's attempt to bring about the end of hostilities.

NEW YEAR FIREWORKS

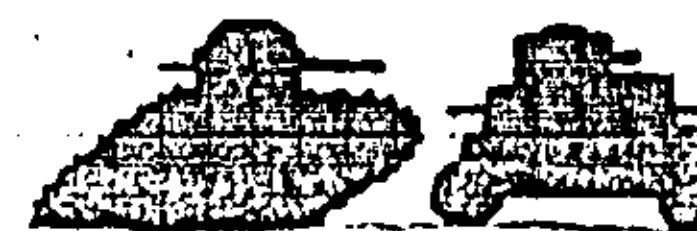
Merrymakers greeting the New Year will not be hampered by restrictions on the use of fireworks as permission has been given for fireworks to be discharged from 11.45 p.m. on December 31 to 12.15 a.m. on January 1.

Somewhere in France

SECRETS of the transport of the British Expeditionary Force—revealed by Mr. Horrell, Secretary for War, in the House of Commons.

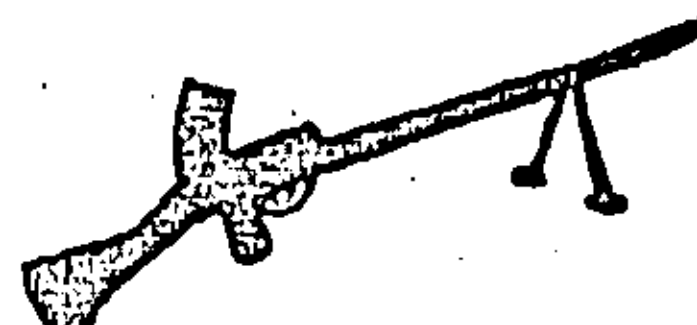


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First Man To Fight In Air

Mexican Battle Recalled

NORFOLK, (UP). — Capt. Patrick N. L. Bellinger, commanding officer of the U.S. Naval air station here, piloted the first airplane struck by bullets in combat.

While flying at a low altitude over Vera Cruz during the Mexican trouble in 1914, Bellinger's Curtiss pusher seaplane was hit by bullets fired by ground troops.

Bellinger also is believed to be the first aviator to attack enemy soldiers from the air, even though the "bomb" he dropped was a cake of soap. Bellinger became angry when ground troops fired at his ship and he threw at them the first thing he could lay his hands on—a cake of soap.

The incident involving his plane when he first was shot at is mentioned in a recently published book, "Navy Men," by James Connolly, an old shipmate of Bellinger.

It was not until Bellinger had landed that he realised what a close call he had. Examination of the ship revealed three holes, bored by bullets in the fuselage of the plane.

The purpose of Bellinger's hops over Mexico were for observation.

Flying a plane in those days was a tough job. The old seaplane he flew had a top speed of about 60 miles an hour and its ceiling was about 1,000 feet.

Fighting back was almost out of the question. Keeping the plane in the air required all the pilot's time. Many descendants of the old pusher type seaplane now are under Bellinger's command. But these craft, with their incredible speed, remarkable manoeuvrability and bristling guns, bear little resemblance to their ancestors.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The auditorium of Hop Yai Church was filled to its capacity on Saturday evening when the joint choir of Christ Church's Mandarin Service and Hop Yai Church presented a choral concert. The programme was in two parts, the first comprising selections from "The Creation," by Haydn, and the second, a variety of Christmas carols.

The recital will be repeated on December 20 at St. Andrew's Church.

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| DB2220—Ruralia Hungaria | (Dohnanyi) |
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| DB3535—La Ronde des Lutuls | (Bazini) |
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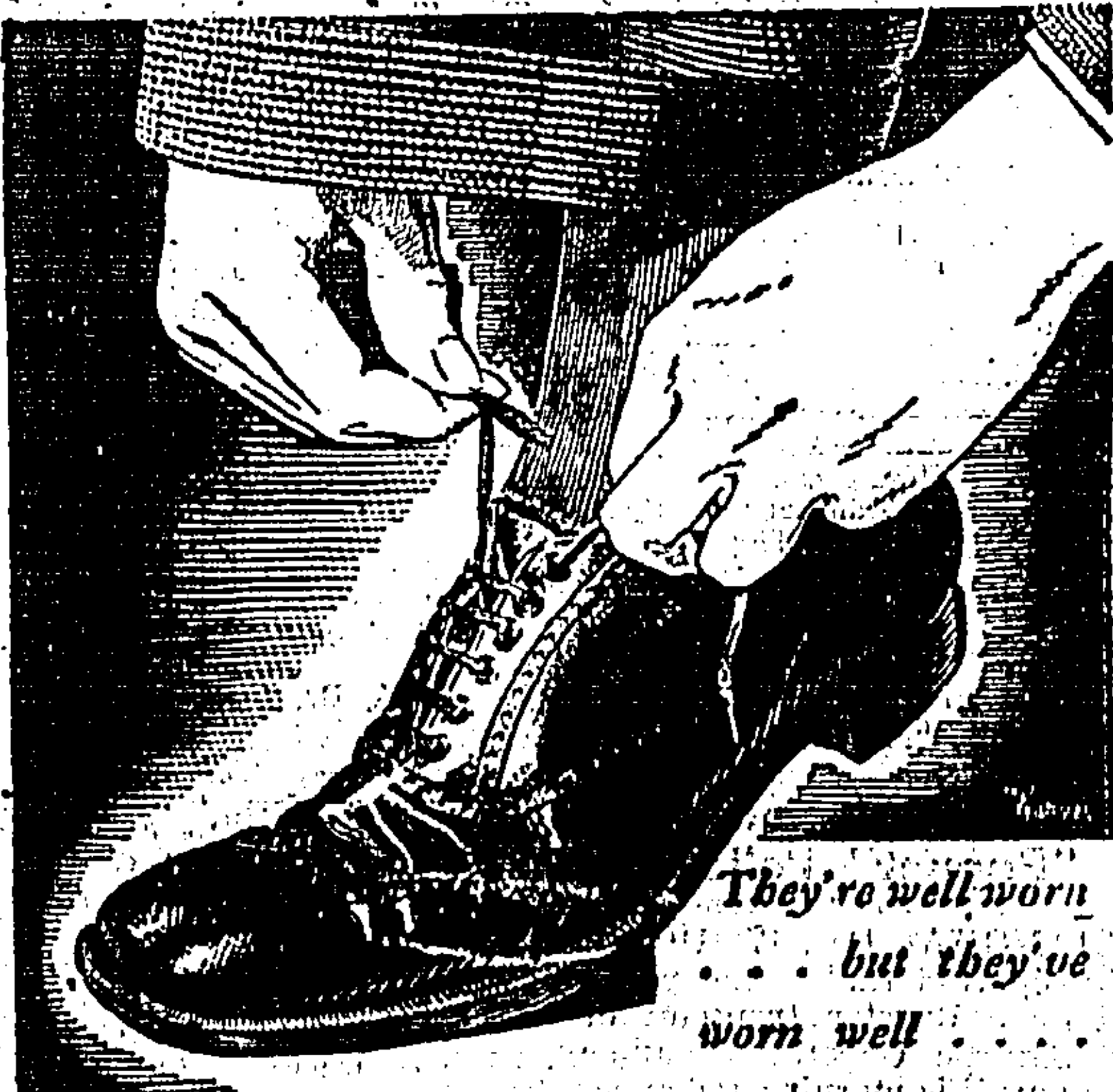
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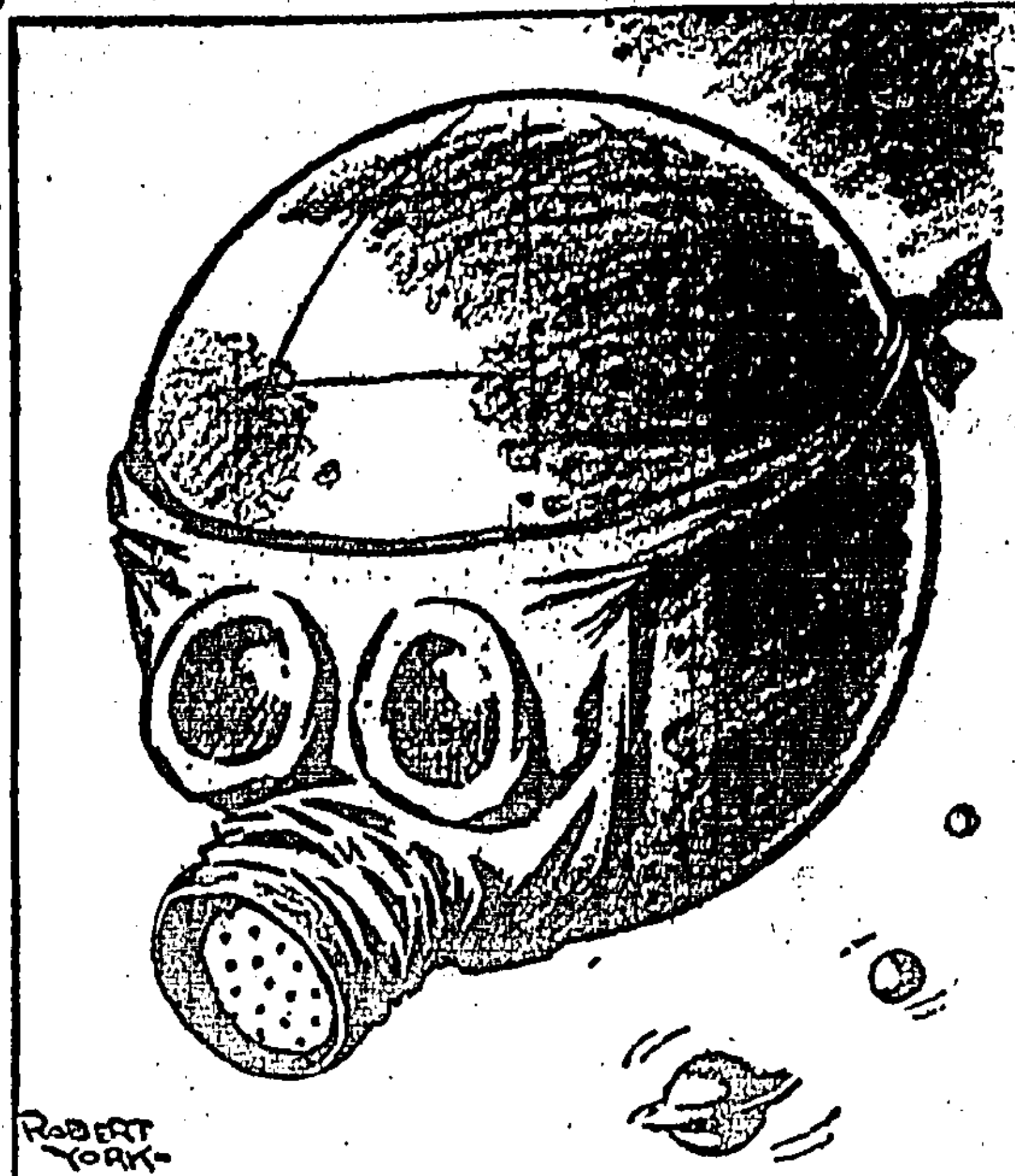
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Parcel Post to Reich Stopped

WASHINGTON.—Parcel post service from the United States to Germany—which designation includes Danzig and Czechoslovakia—was suspended by the Post Office Department recently because of the lack of adequate transport facilities. Parcel post to the area which formerly was Poland has been suspended some 10 days previously.

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Parcel post to all other countries continues, though subject to delays caused by the wartime disruption of transport. It appeared that the question of sending contraband through the mails did not figure in the decision, for package containing food which the British consider to be conditional contraband, and money which is absolute contraband on the British list, have been going through to Germany since the outbreak of war. The Post Office sought by rerouting its parcels through Italian ports to avoid search by the British Navy, which occurred in a few isolated cases.

Any parcels already mailed will be returned to the senders.

R.A.F. MAINTAINS A LONELY AIR VIGIL

From A Special Correspondent
ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Nearly every day since the beginning of the war bombers of the Royal Air Force have been flying high over Germany.

Their task is reconnaissance. From the immense heights to which they climb they can see below them the white villages standing out sharply against the green fields of Western Germany, the steeply escarped slopes which drop into the great rivers and their tributaries, and the grey industrial agglomerations which work day and night to strengthen the sinews of the German Army.

Below the path of the bomber is a net-work of enemy anti-aircraft batteries and fighter airfields, while high in the clouds above the great cities is the balloon barrage.

The orders of the day to the bomber are to avoid contact with the enemy so far as possible, and when attacked to make its escape as best it can.

The gunner scans the heavens ceaselessly for signs of enemy aircraft. Above and around him is a strong celluloid dome which gives him a clear vision for leagues.

The observer is concerned with navigation and with the handling of the photographic apparatus.

The shutter clicks and the film records the secrets of the enemy many thousands of feet below.

The camera is a relatively simple device and of entirely British construction. According to British experts, the results which it has given are able to challenge comparison with those of the more elaborate and heavy mechanisms evolved by the Germans.

Even when the photographs are taken from immense heights they show with astonishing clarity every detail of the land below. Trucks may be seen in railway sidings, while the constant movement of tugs and barges on the greater rivers is faithfully recorded, their direction being given by the faint smudge of grey which shows the wash.

A Pilot's Heroism

The pilot handles the machine and is the last to leave in case of misadventure. Many instances of individual heroism are told. On one occasion a machine was forced down somewhere in France after an en-

JACK PAYNE'S DIVORCE

"JACK PAYNE, the dance band leader, is petitioning for divorce.

His wife, Mrs. D. A. Payne, is defending the suit. They were secretly married in 1924 after only a few weeks' courtship.

Mr. Payne met his wife, daughter of Col. H. H. Pon-gro, at Folkestone, where he was playing for the summer season.

After the wedding she went back to live with her parents until the season ended, and then came to London with her husband.

He had not then achieved the fame which was later to be his as the first band to broadcast.

engagement over Germany. Orders were given to "ball out." The gunner escaped through a trap in the bottom, but the observer's parachute apparatus became momentarily entangled.

The pilot lost several precious seconds straightening out the knots and kicking the observer overboard to safety. By then he was too late to save himself and he fell amid the ruins of his machine.

The interpretation of aerial photographs is a task requiring much skill and experience. Sometimes it is difficult to establish exactly where the photographs were taken.

Faulty navigation, which is wholly pardonable under adverse weather conditions, sometimes results in photographs being taken of areas quite different from those which the pilot had intended.

Sometimes the errors mean a pure waste of time; at others they prove to be of utmost value.

Although all pilots are instructed to avoid the best defended areas and to take unexpected routes, one aeroplane not long ago was blown off its course and flew straight over one of the most vital military districts in Germany, returning home with a series of photographs the value of which may never be surpassed in this war.

Nerve-Racking Task

It is a nerve-racking task, this lonely reconnaissance.

The fliers, hundreds of miles from friendly territory, are constantly on the watch against anti-aircraft fire and enemy fighters.

All airmen speak of the sense of uneasiness which overcomes them on the burst of anti-aircraft shells. Smoke puffs appear in the air beside them, but the noise of engines is such that the explosions are inaudible.

The immediate reaction is surprise mingled with anger at the impertinence of the gunners below.

Sometimes surprise and anger are smothered out for ever. The German anti-aircraft gun can be accurate.

On the whole the enemy's fighters have given little trouble. British airmen are not given to exaggerate the powers of the legendary Messerschmitt.

The test is not yet complete because engagements have been rare, but the general impression seems to be that the Messerschmitt is difficult to handle and too heavy to bear comparison with the latest British type, particularly at high altitudes.

This is attributed not so much to faulty material as to inferiority of design.

Ex-Kaiser 'Banned' Gas Bombs

GAS bombs were not dropped on London in the last war because the Kaiser forbade it at the last moment—so says Mr. Edward J. Bing, journalist, soldier and traveller, in his autobiography "Of the Meek and the Mighty."

In Berlin, after the war, a former Zeppelin commander told him the Germans had perfected a deadly gas bomb.

"And why was it never used?" asked Mr. Bing.

"Well," said the commander, "my Zeppelin was provided with the bombs immediately the invention was completed, and I had orders to drop them on London."

Just In Time

"We were all set to take off, and I was just going into the gondola when a phone call came through for me from Spa."

"G.H.Q. this end. That Captain O.T. Glad I got you in time. You are on no account to take those gas bombs with you. S.M. (for Seine Majesty, His Majesty, meaning the Kaiser) wishes them to be left behind."

The commander said he was also ordered to use the bombs on Verdun, and again the Kaiser said "No" at the last moment.

Once the officer was just off to bomb a house three miles behind the French lines in which it was known King George V, Marshal Joffre, and Mr. Lloyd George or Mr. Asquith were staying, when he was told the command had been cancelled.

Once more it was "S.M.'s orders." Reason given by the German officer: "The Kaiser is deeply religious."

NO VALID PASSPORT

Dr. Andre Sporer, 30, Hungarian, was charged before Mr. Edwards at Central Magistracy on Saturday with entering the Colony without a valid passport on December 15.

Sub-Inspector Fowle said defendant came from Mincio. His visa expired after the outbreak of the war. Defendant was quarantined by the Bishop of Hongkong, and Inspector Fowle asked that the case be withdrawn.

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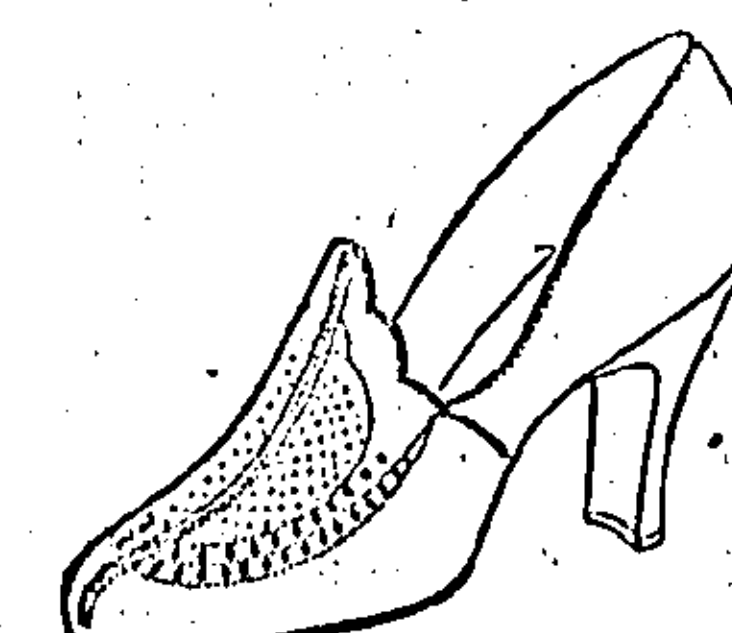
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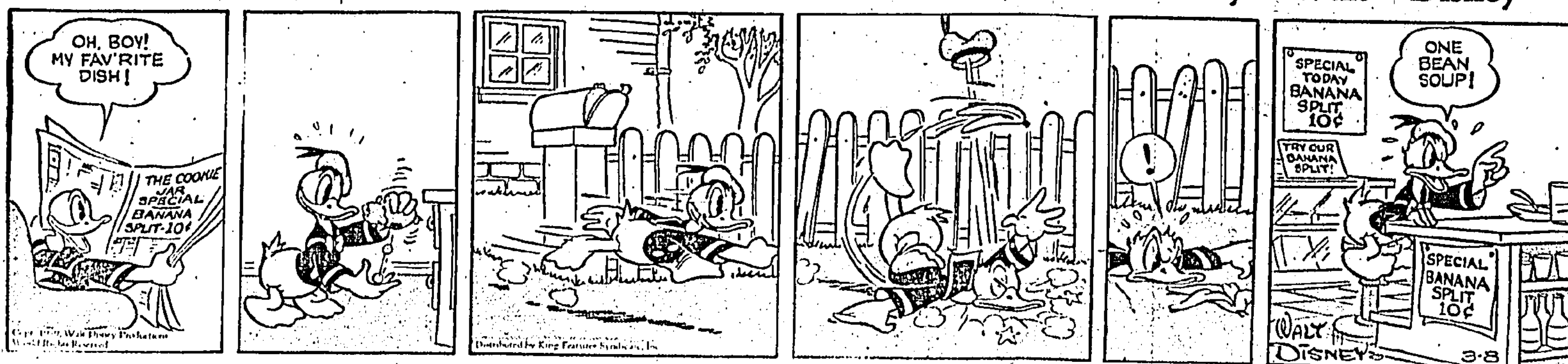
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MUSSOLINI'S POLICY

FROM A ROME CORRESPONDENT

Rome. Europe entered the third month of the war with the Italian policy of non-belligerency ever more firmly established than ever in peace time. Activities continue and the public settles down to carry on normal work. The much-discussed Cabinet changes have brought a number of newcomers from the non-political background into the limelight, while others whose sympathies are known to be strongly engaged are given other spheres of activity.

Interest in foreign affairs centres on two points—the Balkans and the Baltic. The Italo-Greek exchange of letters gives a more concrete form for the hope of intimate and fruitful collaboration. There is some speculation as to the reasons for publishing the letters at this particular moment. Obviously the exchange stresses Italy's known interest in seeing the Balkans keeping out of the war, and that important in view of the reports from Germany that the Reich might be contemplating plans for bringing Balkan oil and copper within its own monetary field. It is too early to talk with confidence of a Balkan neutral bloc, but the materials are there, and no pains are being spared to assemble them.

Sympathy With Finland

The progress of Russia's invasion of Finland is watched intently here. Sympathy with Finland is accentuated by sincere dislike of Communism. That is encouraged by the Church, which is outspoken in condemnation of Russian methods. The "Osservatore Romano" devoted a column to exhortation.

There could hardly be surer signs of Italy's decision to continue her

present policy than the determination with which she has established plans for carrying it out. Construction works are going on steadily in Rome. New streets are linking up various parts of the city. The difficult underground line which will connect Rome's central station with the 1942 Exposition is halfway to Ostia and pushing towards completion. The work on the Exposition itself continues unchecked.

Further afield nothing is permitted to interfere with the ten-year Sicilian land reclamation scheme; and another convoy of 11,000 colonists crossed to Libya this week.

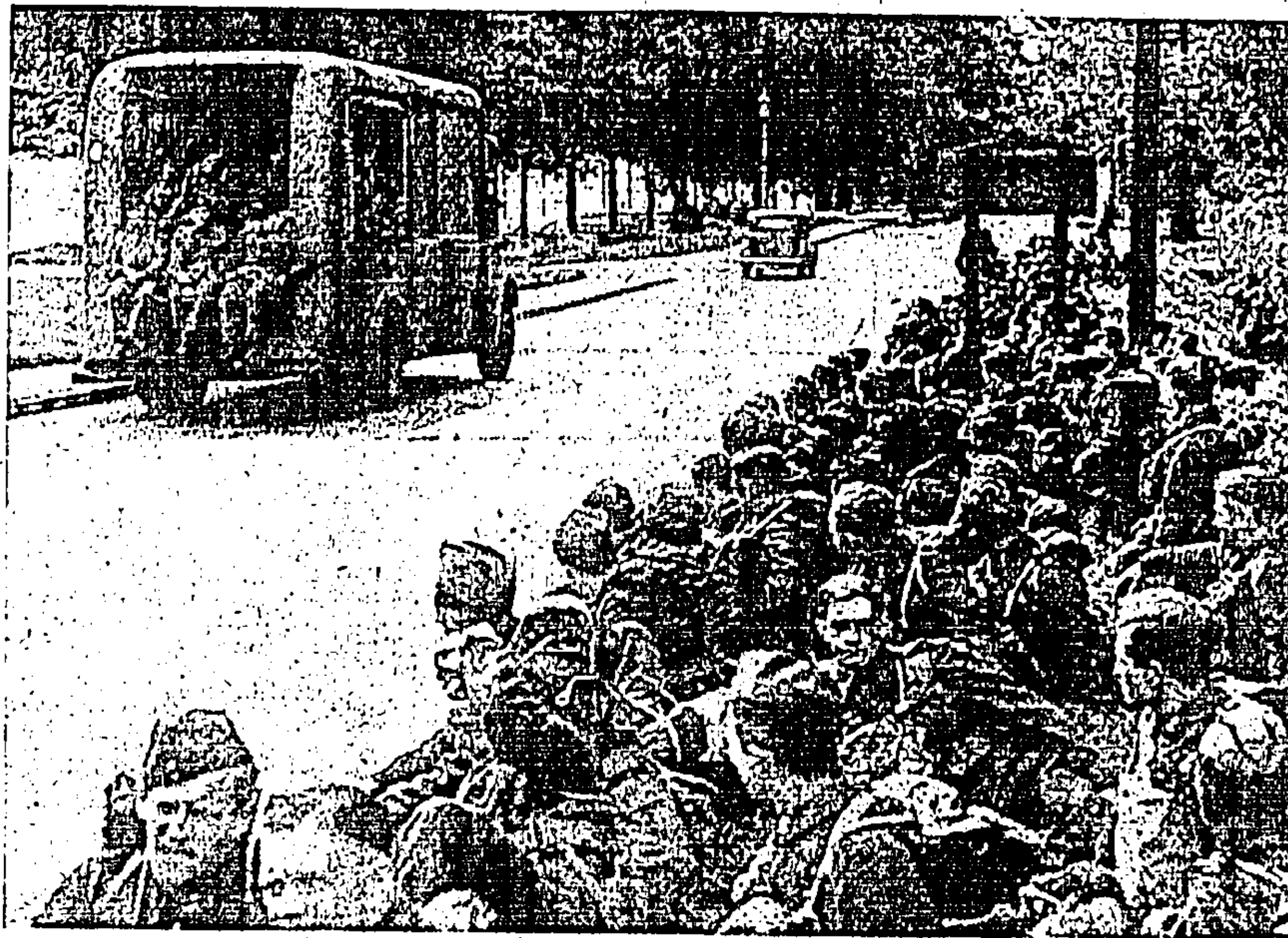
Rome has not quite returned to normal. There are still blue-dimmed lights interspersed with the regular street lights, although the headlights of buses are undimmed. Floodlighting of the great monuments of antiquity has recommenced, rather to the regret of many who had found new beauty in them under natural conditions.

The Food Situation

There is plenty of food, although Thursday and Friday are still meatless days, and meals at restaurants on other days comprise one meat course. Food prices are rising, and there is still no coffee. Bread is a bit greyish and hardens rapidly, but its virtues are appreciated in the light of comment by a neutral correspondent recently came to Rome from Berlin: his first remark at breakfast as he opened a roll was "What beautiful bread!"

Public sentiment strongly supports the present Italian policy. Earlier hopes of a speedy end of the war have vanished, but there is complete confidence that the Duce will keep the country out of it.

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE



BOUND FOR THE FRONT.—Troops resting by the roadside and others in lorries, photographed before embarking for France.

RADIO

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30. Frank Titterton (Tenor) and the New Mayfair Orchestra.

1.00. Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03. Dance Music by Boy Fox and His Orchestra.

1.30. Rugby and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45. Variety with Greta Keller, Charlie Kuan, Len Ellis, Leslie Hutchinson and Quentin Madden.

2.00. Close down.

6.00. "For the Children."

6.30. Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32. Selections from Light Opera.

7.00. "Swing" Music.

7.30. London Relay—The News.

8.00. Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03. This week's programmes.

8.07. Studio—Jazz-Piano Recital by Doreen Ma.

1.—Mickey, Intro: Deep Purple; They Say; And the Angels Sing.

Worried Over You—It Took a Million Years. 4.—You're So Desirable. 5.—Poor Butterfly. 6.—Tea or Two.

8.25. Reginald Foort at the Organ. Transatlantic Rhythms Medley.

111. Parade Intro: Hosanna; Are you sincere? Thanks for the memory: The pretty little patchwork quilt; So many memories; You're a sweetheart.

8.35. Light Orchestra Concert with Ina Souez (Soprano) and Herbert E. Groh (Tenor).

An Excursion In The Vienna Woods (A medley, arr. M. Charlie, from melodies by Strauss) . . . The Great Symphony Orchestra with Chorus.

Love Everlasting (Crushing and Frim); I Want Your Heart (Haydn Wood) . . . Ina Souez (Soprano) with Orchestra.

8.40. Hungary—After original folk melodies arr. Jo Krumann; Budapest At Night (Hungarian Airs arr. von Belli-Pillinsky) . . . George Boulanger and His Orchestra.

Because I Love You, Bella Luciel (Lecton-Muhler-Schulte) . . . You Lovely Ladies (Dund-Siegel) . . . Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Orch.

Come To The Ball (from "The Quaker Girl"—Monckton) . . . Orchestra Louisa with Vocal Refrain by G. Fitzgerald.

8.05. Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15. London Relay—News Summary.

9.25. B.B.C. Recording— "The Mouse and the Country Mouse."

Musical words by Henry Reed. Produced by David Porter.

9.35. John Goss (Baritone) and the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.

The Three Ravens (arr. Kennedy)

Private Bert Wins the M. M.

HERE are two news items to start the week-end with a smile. Private Bert Short, announces the London Gazette has been awarded the Military Medal "for gallant and distinguished service in recent operations."

Private Short's regimental number is given as 7263761. War Office official said last night that the "ward was" "war - war" and was made for bravery on the North-West Frontier in India.

Private Short is still in the East.

PREMIER WITH GORT

Neville Chamberlain on Visit To Western Front

Paris, Dec. 16. Mr. Neville Chamberlain, after spending the night at General Gort's chateau, this morning visited the front lines where he saw improvements which have been made since the King's visit.—Reuter.

The Premier flew over on Friday escorted by Royal Air Force fighters.

An Air Raid Alarm

London, Dec. 17. Mr. Chamberlain is still at the front and experienced an air raid warning this morning shortly after breakfast.

For the first time in several days the sirens were sounded and guns manned. The weather was misty and no planes were seen.—Reuter Bulletin.

Scott: The Boatmen (Harris). One More Day: On The Banks of Sacrament (arr. Harris).

10.00. Variety with Jack Savary and His Cowboys, Murgatroyd and Winterbottom, Kibie and Doris Waters, and Ralph Reader.

Vocal—Going Home; Tumblingumble Weeds . . . Jack Savary and His Cowboys. Humorous—About Crissies (Frankau-Handley-Crick); Art (Frankau and Others) . . . Murgatroyd and Winterbottom with Monte Crick at the Piano. Comedienne—Gert. Daisy. A Piano—Ad Howl . . . Elaine and Doris Waters.

Vocal—Gone With the Wind . . . Ralph Reader and Chorus with Orchestra.

10.20. Dance Music.

11.00. Close down.

BIG STOCK OF SERUM Fighting the Diseases of the War

THE Pasteur Institute of Paris is better prepared than ever for its task of fighting the diseases which war brings in its train.

During the last war the Institute supplied more than 6,000,000 doses of serum against various diseases in France alone, at least half of which went to the Allied armies fighting on French soil. Another million doses were sent to Italy, 18,000 to Serbia, 70,000 to Belgium, 40,000 to Rumania, and 800,000 to the American Army and Red Cross.

Tetanus (lockjaw) often results from shellfire wounds. During the German offensive of March and April, 1918, the Institute was delivering 20,000 tubes of anti-tetanus serum a day to the armies.

Typhoid is another infection to which men are exposed when assembled in large numbers under service conditions. In 1914 nearly all serving French soldiers had been compulsorily inoculated against it. The Institute's preparedness for the present war was revealed in a recent interview by Professor Louis Martin, Director of the Institute.

Omnibus Vaccine

In 1914 it took six months' treatment to bring a horse to the point where serum could be taken from it; and at the end of the war the period had been reduced to between three and four months. Now it has been cut down to five or six weeks.

At the end of the last war the Institute had just begun to produce small quantities of a serum against gangrene. Now it has a large quantity of this serum, much improved in quality, in reserve.

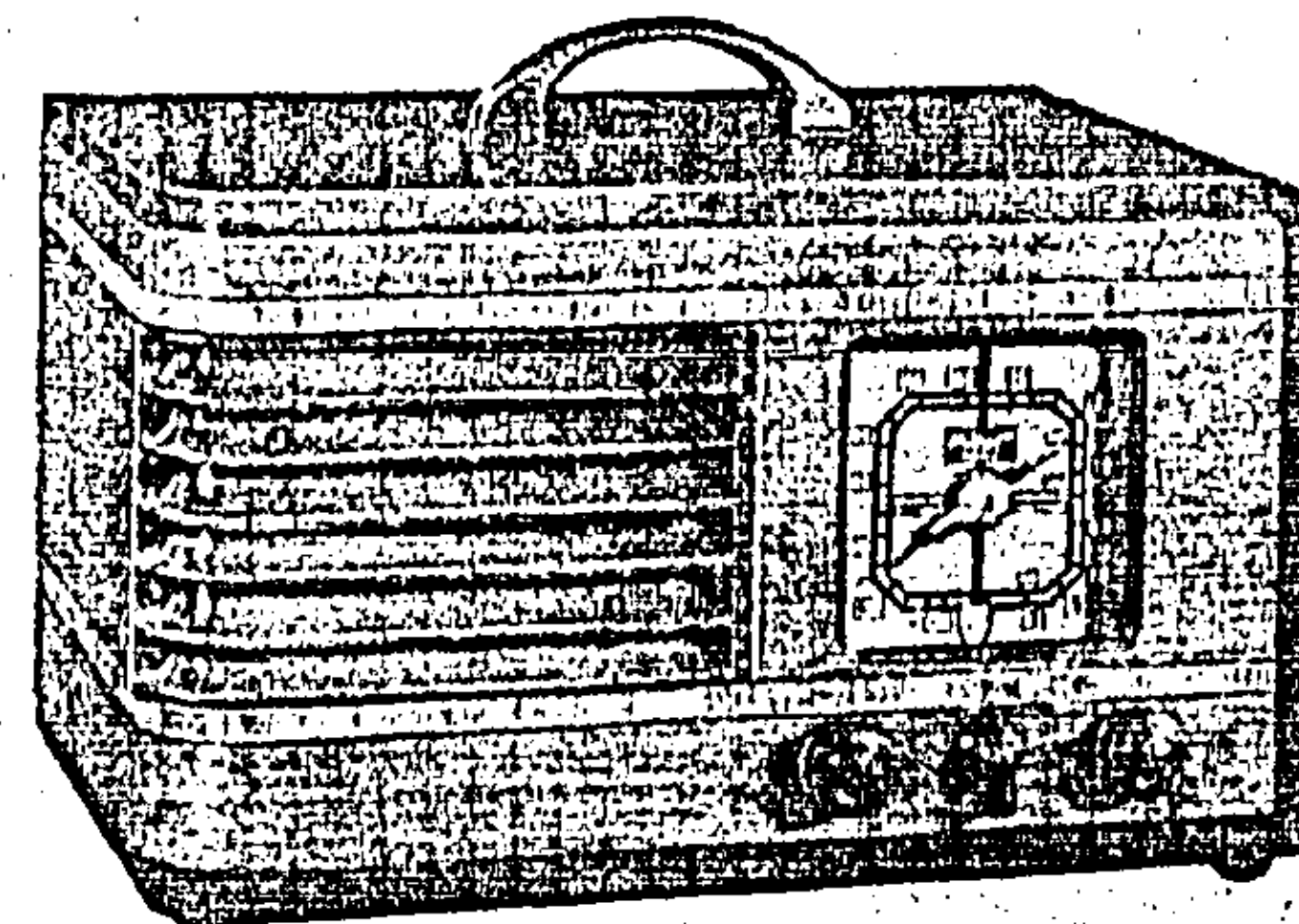
The Institute is also producing something which did not exist in the last war—an omnibus vaccine. Instead of being inoculated three, separate times, once against typhoid, once against tetanus and again against diphtheria, the soldier can be immunised against all three diseases by a single injection.

Furthermore, the same injection can be made to include a dose of anti-pneumonia vaccine. This is intended especially for French colonial troops transferred away from an African to a European climate.

BLACK-OUT CRIMES

Amsterdam, Dec. 16. One man has been executed in Germany for stealing engines during a black-out, and three other persons executed for crimes during blackouts. Two more were shot for hitting trains and crops.—Reuter.

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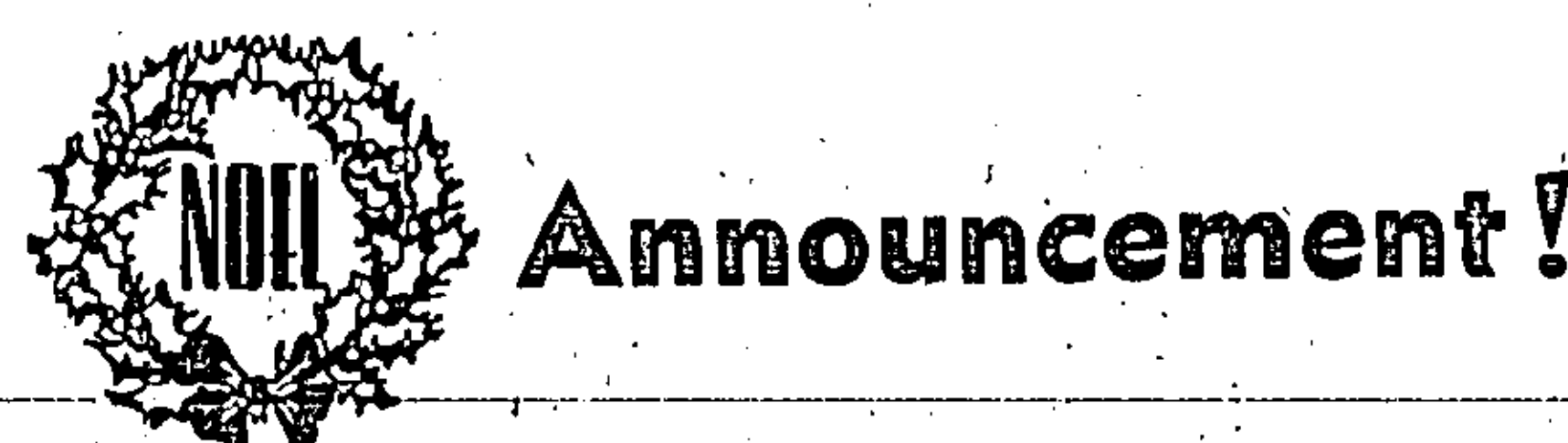
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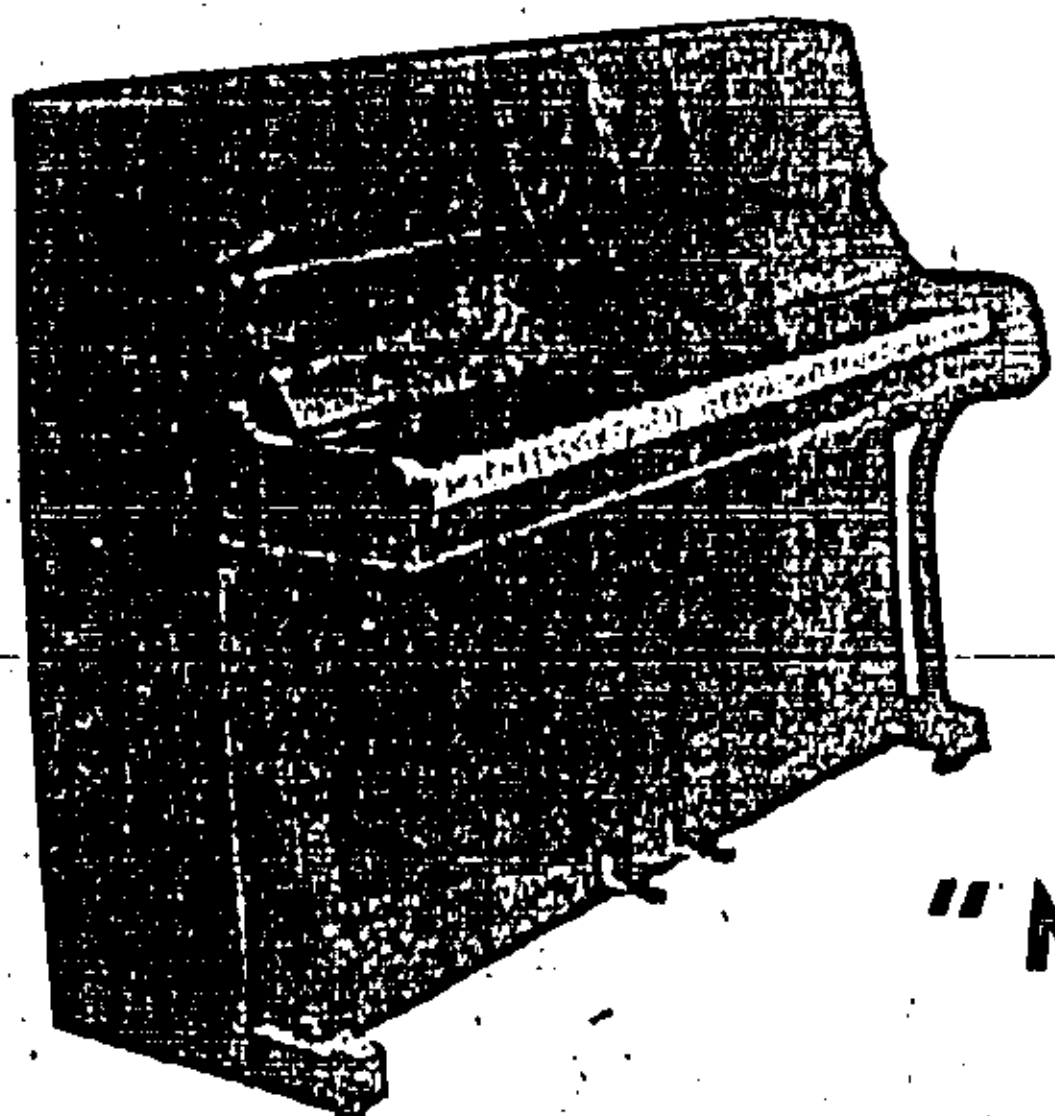


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Battle Of Babel

A WAR as significant as that being fought on the Western Front is being waged on the wireless. It is literally a war of words, and in the end its effects may be even more profound than those of the battles fought on land, on sea, and in the air.

From Britain come the voices of its announcers, calm, cultured, unemotional—perhaps too much so, say some critics—telling the unvarnished truth to the world. From German stations the world hears the impassioned, theatrical tones of the Nazi announcers, so anxious to make Germany look innocent before the condemning world court that they deny allegations even before they are made against them. And, perhaps most significant of all, the "German Freedom Station," calling upon the German people to overthrow the tyrants who are repressing them.

Every warring nation is mobilising its wireless propaganda resources as rapidly as it is its industrial assets to carry on the war. From Britain is broadcast the truth in many languages and with perfect accent. In this respect the Allies have many advantages, for from France German Socialists, exiled Austrians, and Czechs who have been lucky enough to escape from the clutches of Hitler and the Gestapo are telling their people the truth about this war of aggression.

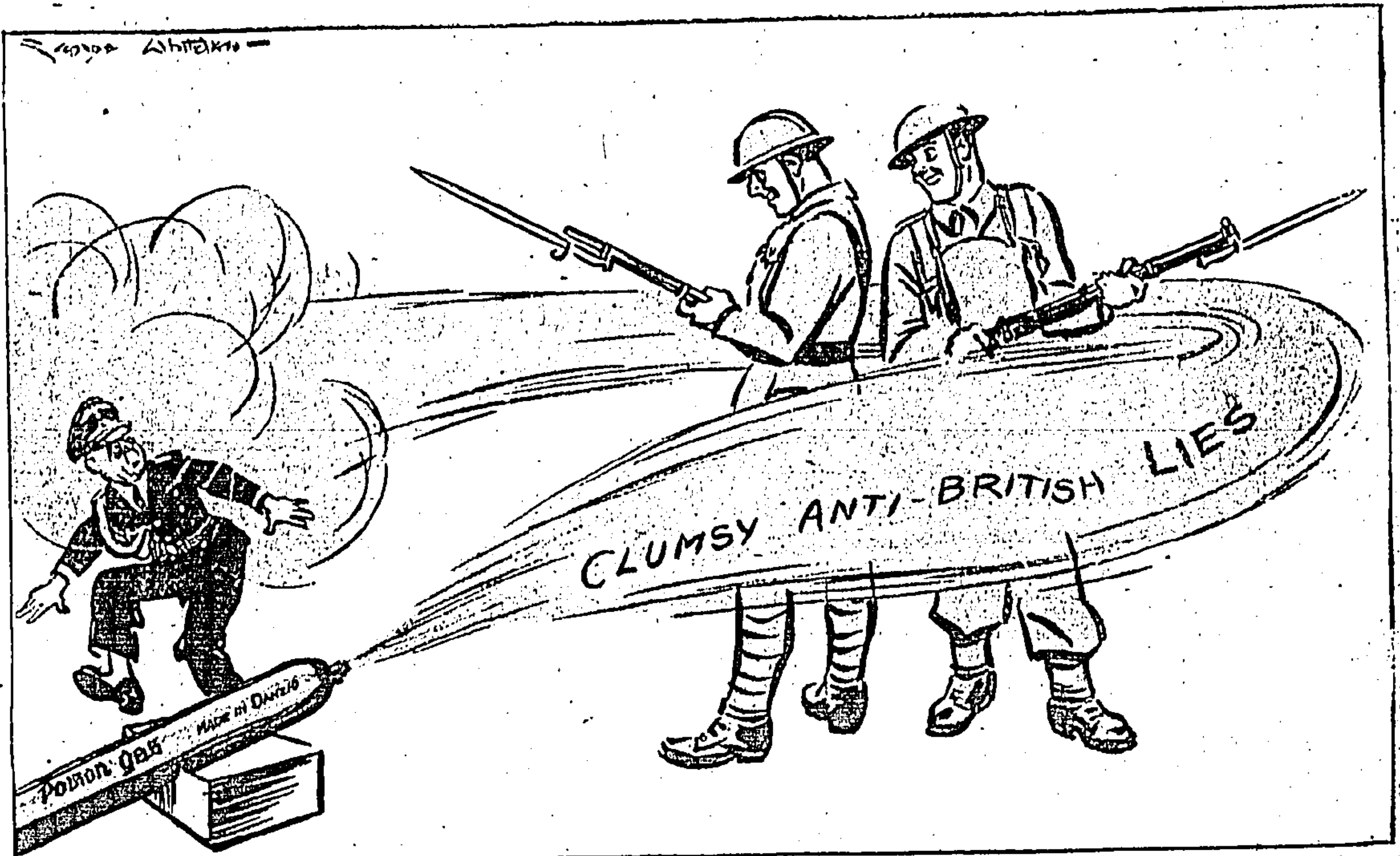
It has been suggested that Britain should employ more and more of these speakers, and get some of them to write messages for propaganda leaflets. Among these exiles are some of the most brilliant, scientific and literary men of post-war Germany.

Without a doubt the most remarkable station at present adding its quota to the war of the wireless is the "German Freedom Station," which so far has defied its enemies. Those who risk their lives to get over the truth to the German people in this way are heroes of the first water. If caught, death would be their reward.

Not long ago an opponent of the Nazi regime began broadcasting similar messages from a forest just over the Czech-Slovakian border. It was just previous to the time when Hitler's legions occupied the country. One night three fanatical young Nazis, together with a woman, dashed across the frontier in a powerful car, murdered the announcer, and managed to get back into Germany. No steps were taken to arrest the criminals.

"Put an end to the senseless and criminal war into which we have been plunged by Hitler. Soldiers do not fight at the front, but direct your arms against the culprits."

The voice is drowned by deliberate interference, but it comes again: "Workers, every gun you make in the factories will help prolong the war. Sabotage the production of arms and you will help our fight for freedom, dignity, and peace."



VON RIBBENFLOP!

But I still like a bit of comfort

by Stuart Fletcher

I SCANDALISED a policeman the other day.

It was in Oxford Circus. I was carrying a suitcase which, whatever any mathematician likes to say, weighed five tons. I asked the policeman for the nearest cloakroom.

At Paddington Station, he told me.

"Oh dear," I said, with commendable moderation. "What a nuisance this war is!"

The policeman stiffened visibly. "Sir," he reproved me, "there is a great many what is suffering worse than that."

How true, yet for every single person who is being bombed or bayoneted or enduring trench fever and all the other horrors of war, there must be thousands who are going round saying "Oh dear," or words to that effect, because their little private comforts are being interfered with.

YOU see, life is made up of little comforts like reading lamps in trains, cloakrooms, street lights, doors that are pieces of wood that you push open instead of strange garment-like materials that you fumble with, washing up that gets done by someone else instead of getting left for yourself to do.

Yet, there's something about this war...

I was talking a day or two ago with a Polish airman who was one of the very last people to escape from devastated Warsaw.

He was in seventeen Warsaw air-raids, and this is what struck him most. Two types of gas-masks were issued to the public—a bagpipe-looking military type claimed to be very efficient, and a more old-fashioned kind solidly fashioned of wood.

At first everyone tried to get the better kind, but after a few raids it was the solid type of gas-mask which people were after. And do you know why? Because they could sit on them! They wanted a bit of comfort even at the death.

EVERYBODY likes a bit of creature comfort. That's why they like our barrage balloons. They look so happy, so prosperous, so distended with the kind of well-being that afflicts elderly gentlemen after a good lunch.

As they reel a little helplessly in the breeze they inspire the same sort of affectionate toleration that we all feel for the amiable drunkard.

Walking in Hyde Park the other

evening enjoying the miraculous twilight which, in peace-time, London's street lights completely ruin, I was startled but not surprised to read a neat little notice fixed into the ground near a captive balloon.

It had been printed in bold ink-strokes on a white oblong of cardboard, and it read: "The public is requested not to feed the Billings."

That made me happy for a whole evening, and I went back to my big empty house, where the silence and the darkness are far more oppressive than the most outrageous noises made in peace-time by my singularly lively daughters, feeling that the war (on the civilian front) had its compensations.

Someone else, a little previously perhaps, but prophesying quite accurately, had fixed a similar notice to one of the air-raids dug-outs in the Park.

This one read: "House Full."

I MISS my evacuated family a lot.

One of the joys of family life is coming down late to breakfast. It is led up to by a whole chain of anticipatory delights—the clatter of other people getting up while you blissfully lie on in a half-dozed; the violent entry into your bed of a three-year-old morsel of humanity who pulls your hair and

informs you with manifest untruth that she caught a rabbit yesterday; then titivating odour which creeps upstairs like St Anthony's temptresses; then the jingle of spoons and forks; then the final descent to a family which has long since given up being scandalised and is actually glad that you are only as late as you are and no later.

But coming down late to a breakfast that you have got to cook yourself is awful. I've given up breakfast.

I've invented a theory that breakfast is an unnecessary meal that people eat too much, and that fasting till lunch-time produces a sane mind in a sound body.

But I get awfully hungry about ten o'clock.

MY family with that peculiar lack of discrimination which you meet in your children and old ladies misses me too.

My oldest daughter who, at the age of nine, has started thinking things out a bit was puzzled the other day because near her evacuation spot she saw some children complete with father.

Why couldn't she have her Daddy too, she wanted to know. I explained that this Daddy happened to earn his living in the country while her own had to win his (and her) bread in London.

"I know," she said, solving the problem instantly. "He must come and work down here. The Co-op—I saw a notice in their window—want an errand-boy."

So if my name disappears from this paper you'll know what's happened. The pull of family comfort will have proved too strong for me and I shall have gone off to be an errand-boy.

Hitler's Long Knife

If I set out to choose a villain for a "penny dreadful" I would pick on Dr. Frank, Nazi Reich Minister of Justice, who has just been appointed Governor-General for the Polish territories occupied by Germany.

The man who will now administer Hitler's terror over the Poles is the ideal combination of Prussian impudence and American Gangsterdom, which make up Nazism.

This is not a far-fetched comparison because Dr. Frank started out as criminal lawyer in Berlin's East End. Only when the Nazi party in its most riotous period provided most of the murderers, law-breakers, and plain gangsters in pre-Hitler Germany did young Dr. Frank switch over to politics. He specialised in political murders and other crimes committed by members of the Nazi party.

Frank defended his Nazi clients very ably. He is a good orator, and he has a certain personal appeal. Immaculately dressed, clean-shaven, with straight, dark hair brushed back, he looks "almost a gentleman."

When Hitler came into power Frank was first made Commissioner for Justice in Bavaria, and later Bavarian Minister of Justice. Soon he gained for himself a reputation as the first Nazi leader to shock the world.

That was when the Reichstag, under Hitler, still contained Socialist M.P.s. During a debate, Frank, preferring force to argument, thrust President Goebbels, one of Germany's most distinguished Parliamentarians, from his seat and took his place. The scene created a sensation.

Then Frank ventured out into the field of international politics. To the Austrian Nazis, with whom the Austrian Government was then engaged in a deadly struggle, he sent out messages of encouragement. Next he decided to go to Vienna himself "to attend a jurists' gathering."

The Austrian Government, through its Ambassador, explained in Berlin that Frank's visit would not be appreciated, and politely asked whether the turbulent Nazi Minister could not stay at home.

But that did not stop Frank. I shall never forget the hour of his arrival. The Austrian Nazis decided on a demonstration which Jews, the Austrian Government, on the other hand, had prepared a different reception for Frank.

As soon as he stepped from his plane at the Vienna aerodrome, a high Austrian police official met him and expressed to him the Austrian Government's opinion that "his visit was highly unwelcome and was regarded as very inappropriate."

Frank blushed; then all colour left his face. But he rallied, and with an angry gesture stepped to his car. Since that day he has been used by Hitler as an agent provocateur. He sent out messages to illegal Nazi parties everywhere. He threatened Governments of weak States with Hitler—or destruction.

He coined the phrase of the "long knife," with which and other enemies of Nazism would be killed. Since then he has been known as the "Long Knife" of the Nazi Party.

It goes without saying that 1935-36, the "Nazi Year of Action," found him prominent in the international field. Again he attended Jurists' Congresses, first in Sudetenland, then in Danzig. On both occasions he was provocative, rude. Everywhere he encouraged the Nazi rebels.

He made his last speech in Zoppot, in Danzig territory: "Poland is lost," he said.

I am afraid it is while Dr. Frank is Hitler's Governor there.

WILLI FRISCHAUER.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I do miss Wilbur since we broke our engagement—I keep thinking of things to say to him that would burn him up!"

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

John Garner To Stand

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (UP).—Vice-President John N. Garner, has tossed his Texas sombrero into the Presidential race and it appears likely that he will inaugurate open political warfare between the Garner forces and the unofficial sponsors of Mr. Roosevelt for a third term.

Garner, from the front porch of his Nevada home, dictated to a Texas newspaper man: "I will accept the nomination for President. I will make no effort to control any delegates. The people should decide. The candidates should be selected at the Primaries and at the Democratic Convention as provided for by law. I sincerely trust all Democrats will participate."

WESTERN FRONT

ACTIVITY INCREASES Important Attack By Germans

PARIS, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—The Western Front is showing signs of increasing liveliness.

Further details of yesterday's German raid on a French post east of the Moselle show that it was of an important character and well-prepared.

A German company, which was probably reinforced by additional machine-guns, launched a spirited attack, finally forcing an entrance to the post and taking two prisoners.

Post is Retaken

When the French re-entered the post, they found the body of a German non-commissioned officer, two machine-guns and one sub-machine gun.

This is taken, in the absence of news to the contrary, to mean that the Germans took their wounded with them.

The Germans are also active west of the Vosges Forest, sending out a number of patrols, which operated till nightfall.

These operations, according to the latest information, were without result.

"Nothing Important"

PARIS, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—A Paris communiqué states that there was reduced activity and that there was nothing important to report.

Patrols in Action

PARIS, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—Chief activity on the Western Front is still against enemy patrols.

This morning's French communiqué states that there is nothing of importance.

The position of the main German concentrations has not changed in the last two months.

BRITISH SHIP MINED

BERLIN, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—The British steamer, Ambie, 1,162 tons, struck a mine and sank, according to an Amsterdam despatch to the German news agency.

The crew were rescued.

ENTIRE VILLAGE GUTTED BY FIRE

Six hundred squatters are homeless as a result of a spectacular fire last night which gutted the entire village of Shek Kip Mei, on the Taiipo Road.

Though there was no loss of life the blaze was much more spectacular than that which occurred recently in Shanghai Street, and residents in nearby all parts of the Colony were able to see the glow of the fire, while there on the Peak and other hills watched flames shoot a hundred feet into the air as the flimsy buildings burned fiercely.

Most of the 600 villagers were asleep when about 9 p.m. someone shouted "Fire" and "Save Life". There was an immediate commotion and a concerted rush to gather a few scattered belongings and retreat to safety as the fire was sent out to all stations and eight appliances were soon on the scene, though it took a considerable time to rig up apparatus from the nearest hydrant, which was over 150 yards away.

Meantime squads of the Peace Preservation Corps were assisting residents to return to the unburned huts and rescue some of their belongings.

The fire was undoubtedly remarkable in the number of spectators who turned out to watch; thousands of residents of Kowloon came from nearby

and far to view the efforts to extinguish what soon became a huge bonfire.

AN UNCOMFORTABLE NIGHT

The 600 who escaped were lined up late last night along the Taiipo Road, huddled together for warmth and apparently destined to spend an uncomfortable night in the open before beginning the task of exploring the ruins and beginning the rebuilding.

The villages have now been victims of fire each year for three years, and each time the village has grown anew, though apparently with no added precautions against repetition of such a disaster, since the huts were so flimsy and so close together that once the fire started it was impossible to prevent its rapid spread.

The area covered by the 50-odd huts was approximately 15,000 square feet.

Mr. J. C. Fitz-Henry, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, and Mr. C. W. Brand, Kowloon Station Officer, directed operations.

The only casualty of the evening was a fireman who sprained his ankle on the uneven ground in the uncertain light, and was taken to Kowloon Hospital for attention; though many families called long and loudly for lost children until well after the fire was extinguished, all eventually located.

British Ships Wait For the Graf Spee

Graf Spee May Attempt To Make Fight of It

The world is awaiting with keen interest the fate of the German battleship Admiral Graf Spee now lying badly damaged in the harbour of Montevideo outside which powerful units of the Royal Navy and the French navy are waiting to cut off any attempt she may make to escape.

It is reliably learned that the Uruguayan authorities, after consultation with the British, German, Italian and American representatives, ordered the German warship to leave harbour within a time which is believed to expire on Sunday evening. This would be about 6 a.m. to-day Hongkong time.

Sailors have been busy repairing damage to the battleship which is believed to have her gunnery control tower damaged and her 11-inch guns put out of action. Anti-Nazi feeling in Uruguay is hindering the repair work.

H.M.S. Renown and H.M.S. Barham, two British battleships, and the aircraft carrier Ark Royal are in the vicinity of Montevideo. Reports are current that a sister of the trapped German warship with submarines will be on hand to aid a dash for freedom.

Montevideo, Dec. 16. At least seven British vessels are hovering out of sight off the port of Montevideo waiting for the Admiral Graf Spee which must leave port before 8 p.m. on Sunday (6.30 a.m. Monday, Hongkong time). If the German pocket battleship stays over that limit she will be interned by the Uruguayan Government.

The deadline is based on the time the Uruguayan Naval authorities reported the condition of the Admiral Graf Spee to the Foreign Minister, Snr. Gunn.

The waiting warships include the British battle cruiser Renown, battleship Barham, cruisers Cumberland, Achilles and Ajax, the aircraft carrier Ark Royal, and the French cruiser Dunkerque.

The Admiral Graf Spee is being repaired.—United Press.

Rio de Janeiro Request

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 16. H.M.S. Renown, 32,000 tons, has requested permission to enter Rio harbour. She is due to arrive at an unspecified time to-day.

The British destroyers Hero, Hardy and Hostile stayed at Recife, Brazil for a short while before they steamed south to Uruguay.—United Press.

Warming Up Signs

Montevideo, Dec. 16. Just before 7 p.m. the Admiral Graf Spee's funnels began to emit smoke and her engines were warmed through, increasing the belief that she is planning to depart shortly. The crew are continuing to provision the ship. Crowds of people who have haunted the docks since the warship's arrival have been cleared off by the police.—United Press.

Dunkerque Confirmation

Paris, Dec. 17. French naval circles confirm that the French warship Dunkerque is in Montevideo harbour.—United Press.

German Submarines

Rome, Dec. 17. The Giornale d'Italia's London correspondent to-day reports that German submarines are already en route to the River Plate and that the Admiral Scheer is probably under way to participate in the battle if the Admiral Graf Spee attempts to leave Montevideo.

This report was broadcast over the Rome radio.—United Press.

Time Not Announced

Montevideo, Dec. 16. The deadline for the Spee's departure has not been announced officially because the Uruguayan Government wishes to avoid revealing anything which might be interpreted as revealing the German plans although the nature of the harbour and the restrictions in the channel make it impossible for the German ship to leave without being spotted.

The impression is gaining among informed circles that Uruguay is granting a short extension of time.—United Press.

Assistance En Route

Montevideo, Dec. 16. The Italian Minister to Uruguay, Signor Bellardi Ricci, the German Ambassador from Buenos Aires, Herr von Therman and the German Naval Attaché from Buenos Aires, Captain Meibaur, were in conference with Captain Langsdorf of the Admiral Graf Spee to-day. The United Press has been informed that the Graf Spee's commander has been assured of aid en route if he attempts an escape.

The Uruguayan Foreign Minister to-day received the British Minister and afterwards the Brazilian and United States Ambassadors and the Uruguayan Minister of Defence.—United Press.

Protest Denied

London, Dec. 16. It is authoritatively stated that no diplomatic incident has arisen between Great Britain and Uruguay over the latter's treatment of the Graf Spee. Informed quarters denied that Britain is presenting a strong protest to Montevideo at the permission accorded the German raider to effect repairs. The British Minister, Mr. E. Millington Drake is in close touch with the Uruguayan government but none of the communications to him could be called a protest.

A precedent exists for the loose interpretation of the Hague clause governing damage to warships: H.M.S. Glasgow in the last war, remained six days at Rio de Janeiro to repair damage suffered during the battle off Coronel.

The 72-hour delay, ending Sunday night, will really benefit the Allies more than the German since it permits additional reinforcements to arrive.—United Press.

Time Limit Fair

Berlin, Dec. 17. An authorised source here to-day said the time limit allowed the Admiral Graf Spee to remain in Montevideo harbour "must be assumed as being fair" otherwise the German Minister would have taken the matter up with the Government of Uruguay.—United Press.

Limit Set To Stay

London, Dec. 17. It is reported that Uruguay has informed the German Legation that the Graf Spee must leave Montevideo before 11.30 p.m. or be interned.

It is also reported that while the cruisers Cumberland and Achilles are keeping watch not far from the coast, the battlecruiser Renown, the aircraft carrier Ark Royal, and French battleship Dunkerque have been seen by coast guards on the horizon.—Reuter.

Uncomfortable Visitor

Montevideo, Dec. 17. It is still doubtful when the time limit for the Graf Spee expires. Many circles are anxious not to have the German raider leave before 11.30 p.m. At that hour a commission will board the battleship to report on her condition, after which the Government will decide what steps they will take, they state.

There is reason to believe that Uruguay is anxious not to have the Graf Spee in its hands for the duration of the war, and would allow a little extra time if this can be justified and if it assists the warship's departure, but the period would not be extended beyond Sunday night.

If the warship attempts to slip out to-night, she will be aided by clouds, as the naval observatory broadcast at 11 p.m. gives the weather as very cloudy with moderate wind.—Reuter.

Commander's Story

Montevideo, Dec. 17. Captain Langsdorf, commander of the Graf Spee, told his own story of

FRENCH HURL BACK BIG GERMAN RAID

PARIS, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—The French to-day hurled back one of the largest German raids of the war on the Western Front. Several company sections, with artillery support, attacked the French lines with the intention of taking prisoners. They were repulsed by automatic rifle fire, hand grenades and counter-fire from the French batteries.

The French and German casemates exchanged desultory artillery fire.

Artillery Duel

PARIS, Dec. 16 (UP).—The first direct artillery duel between the Maginot and Siegfried Lines took place to-day when big guns sheltered in concrete block-houses on opposite banks of the Rhine hammered each other at close range for several hours.

Action by patrols has subsided along the entire front. The Germans attempted one outpost attack at Bitche but were driven off.

the naval battle in a report to the Uruguayan authorities.

He points out he was handicapped by having to fight on "three quarters."

The rapidity of manoeuvre of the British cruisers so upset his plans that he found himself "clacking" deep water, until a shot from one of his fore guns put the Exeter out of action.

Then the Ajax slipped in towards the shore and scored two hits, damaging the fire control, causing many casualties and penetrating a compartment above the waterline. The British gunners placed shells with great accuracy.

As a result, a high percentage of the Graf Spee's crew were put out of action—not only killed and wounded, but also those suffering from bruises and minor injuries.

Captain Langsdorf therefore decided to attempt to escape under a smoke screen with the object of re-summing the action under more favourable conditions, possibly taking the British cruisers on separately, but this manoeuvre was rapidly frustrated by the British staff and frustrated.

With inconceivable audacity the Achilles and Ajax approached through the smoke screen to within a mile of the Graf Spee, which was firing from both sides.

The Exeter was almost hors de combat and remained to the north, apparently to impede the path of the Graf Spee. Captain Langsdorf adds that the Achilles and Ajax with their speed and mobility continued to harry the Graf Spee, compelling him to increase his fire, while the Exeter assisted them from time to time with long range broadsides.

At this point Captain Langsdorf decided to break off the action.

Later, off Lobos Island, the Achilles and Ajax again closed in and the Graf Spee was forced to slacken speed and fire a broadside to keep the enemy at a respectable distance.—Reuter.

Berlin Version

Berlin, Dec. 16. The official news agency says, "It is reliably reported from Montevideo that British planes participated in the River Plate battle. Several British scout planes were destroyed by the might of air pressure from the Graf Spee's shells.—United Press.

Mustard Gas Charge

Berlin, Dec. 16. The official news agency reports that "Doctor Walter Merchoff, at the request of British newspapers, conducted an examination which lasted several hours. Dr. Merchoff found seven sailors with unmistakable symptoms of mustard gas injury.—United Press.

Neutrality Abused

London, Dec. 17. The three-day mystery of the broadcast from Rome which announced the battle before the Graf Spee met some bad luck in the South Atlantic," is reported to be clarified in the Daily Sketch's "inside information column" alleging that the report originated with the German airline radio station in Argentina which was seeking to warn the Graf Spee.

The Sketch says that the Uruguayan government made an investigation and revealed that the airline station has been used since the beginning of the war for giving information to Germany and for reporting the movements of British ships and warned the airline to confine the use of the station to directing their aircraft or their licence would be rescinded.—United Press.

American Concern

Washington, Dec. 16. The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull to-day indicated United States concern over the prospects of a second naval battle in neutral waters if the Graf Spee makes a dash from Montevideo.

He intimated that American nations would view such a battle with alarm, and that the Panama Declaration's safety zones. Consultations are now in progress among many American nations over Wednesday's battle upon which they are exchanging preliminary views and information. The Minister was unable to state whether a more formal consultation would be called.—United Press.

INDIAN BAN ON AIRCRAFT

NEW DELHI, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—Only aircraft operating on regular routes will be allowed to fly to or over India in future.

No other civil aircraft may fly to India without special permission from the Indian Director of Civil Aviation.

Zionist Leader's Appointment

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—The Zionist leader, Professor Zolli Bordet, was elected President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews in succession to Mr. Neville Laski, who retired recently.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand do.	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	315
T.T. Singapore	32 1/2
T.T. Japan	103 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	46 1/2
T.T. Manila	45 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	108 1/2
T.T. France	10.00
T.T. Switzerland	107 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P do.	1/3 1/4
4 m L/C U.S.A.	25 1/2
4 m/s France	11.45
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N. Y.	3.04

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

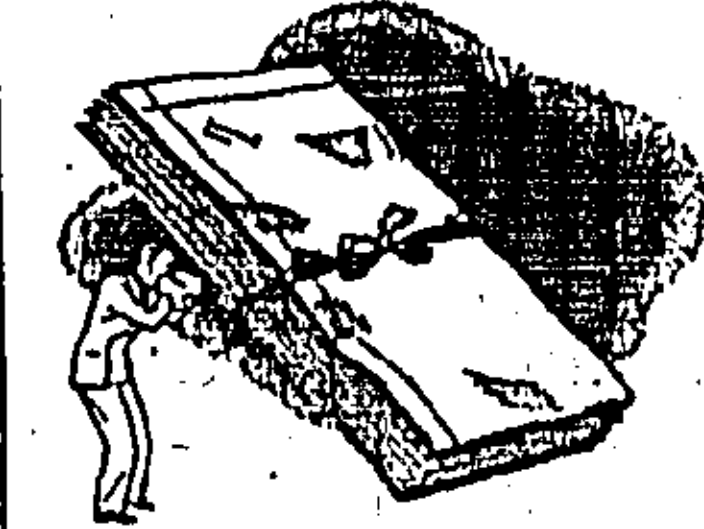
BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,355 s.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	£82 1/2 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	£84 1/2 n.
Chartered	8 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	29 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C. & E.	11 1/2 n.
East Asia	78 n.
INSURANCE	
Canton	210 b.
Union	400 b.
China Underwriter	1 1/2 n.
H.K. Fire	180 n.
SHIPPING	
Douglases	71 1/2 b.
Swire	11 n.
Indo-China P.S.	90 b.
Luo-Chuan D.S.	60 b.
Shells (Beacons)	81 1/2 b.
Waterboats	8.10 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	101 b.
Docks	10.50 s.
Veniz. Gold	4.65 b.
New Eng. Sh.	19.80 n.
Sh. Docks Sh.	195 n.
MINING	
Kallan s/-	17 1/2 n.
Raub s/- ex. div.	10.10 n.
Venz. Gold	4 n.
H.K. Mines	4 cts. s.
LANDS	
Hotels	5.15 s.
Lands	34 s.
Lands 4% Deb.	100 n.
Shal Lands Sh.	10.70 n.
Humphreys	7.50 b.
H.K. Res.	140 b.
Chinese Estates	103 n.
TRANSPORT	
Trams	17.25 s.
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Star Ferries	60 b.
Y. Ferries	23 1/2 b.
China Lights (old)	8.15 n.
China Lights (new)	5 n.
H.K. Electric	63 b.
Macao Electric	18 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights	11.70 b.
Telephones (old)	25 1/2 n.
Telephones (new)	8.75 b.
Tractions s/-	18/3 n.
Tractions (Pref.) s/-	18/0 n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald. Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. \$ 14.00 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.)	Sh. \$ 13 n.
Canton Ind.	1 n.
Cements	16 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes	6 n.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms (old)	22 s.
Dairy Farms (new)	20.50 b.
Watson	8.85 b. & c.
Lane, Crawford & Co.	7 1/2 n.
Slacres	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	41 n.
Powell, Ltd.	1 n.
COTTON MILL	
Evo Sh.	25 1/2 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. s/- ex. div.	1.62 n.
Zhong Sing, Sh.	42 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh.	48 1/2 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Entertainment	8.00 b.
Constructions (old)	1.75 b.
Constructions (new)	1.1 n.
Vibro-Filling	8 1/2 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	
G. Bonds	47 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	100 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan	97 1/2 n.
Marsmans (Lon.) s/-	14/0 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/-	4/ n.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—The Empire Training Agreement was signed to-day by the Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, and Lord Riverdale, head of the British delegation to the Empire Air Training Conference.

Lord Riverdale has also initiated the agreement in behalf of Australia and New Zealand.

Details will be announced later.

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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

IRELAND'S GALLANT BUT UNAVAILING EFFORT

China Fully Extended To Win By 4-2: Hills Brilliant In Defence

(By "Rox")

DESPITE A GALLANT EFFORT that earned for them the unstinted praise and admiration of both European and Chinese spectators alike, Ireland were defeated by China by four goals to two in a first round match of the Sunday Herald International Cup at Caroline Hill yesterday. On paper they presented meagre opposition to the Chinese, but on the field they worked like Trojans, and with a little more luck might have sprung the biggest surprise of the season in defeating them.

Granted that the Chinese had not their full representative side out, it is still a matter of conjecture whether Hills, on the form he displayed, could not have held Fung King-cheong and Lai Shiu-wing as well.

Moore was not very much to blame for a faulty display. Under similar conditions any other goalkeeper might have failed to pieces. It was Hills' first representative game, and he was the outstanding player of both sides. He combined admirably with Sae-han to give one of the finest defensive displays seen this season. But for the services of this pair, Ireland might not have been what they were. These defenders seemed to inspire confidence in the halves and forward line, which did not fail.

D. Leonard played a very quiet but effective game in subduing the Chinese forwards. He had the measure of Lee, and he was given excellent support by Smart and Honniball, both of whom were responsible for breaking up many of the Chinese movements.

Of the forwards, Jorge gave a very fine performance, combining well with O'Regan and Martin to give the Chinese defence many anxious moments, and, at times, nonplussing them with splendid combination. A. Leonard, on the left wing, was very unobtrusive, and seemed tame when compared with Brackenbury, on the right, who showed up exceptionally well towards the close of play, out-playing and out-running the Chinese defence.

SELECTION JUSTIFIED

FOR the Chinese, Tam had a hectic afternoon, but he fully justified his selection. Mak Sui-hon and Tang Chung-wan had not the understanding, but as individuals were

HOW TEAMS FARED

FIRST DIVISION

Pofoe	1 S. China "A"	3
Kowloon	4 Eastern	3
Club	2 Royal Scots	1

SECOND DIVISION "A"

K. Chee	1 South China	3
5th R.A.	0 Eastern	3
R.A.O.C.	2 8th R.A.	3
Club	0 30th R.A.	3

SECOND DIVISION "B"

Engineers	2 R.A.F.	0
Kwong Wah	1 Royal Scots	4
Kowloon	2 Police	1

THIRD DIVISION

South China	1 12th R.A.	2
Engineers	2 R.A.S.C.	2
5th R.A.	3 Kumon	3
Royal Scots	0 R.A.M.C.	0
5th R.A.	0 Signals	1

'SUNDAY HERALD' CHARITY CUP

China	4 Ireland	2
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stalwarts. Hsu King-seng again played an excellent game. He is the most consistent centre-half I have seen this season, and one of the best in the Colony. He gave a display of the attacking centre-half, which has only been equalled by Bright. Tse Kam-hung and Lau Tsui-tsun were very patchy, and inclined to be a little boisterous in their tackling.

The Chinese forward line suffered terribly in the absence of Fung and Lai, with the consequence that Lee Wai-tong was not given support, and appeared to have an off-day. Cheuk



Sgt. Lang, the Army centre three-quarter, who gave a brilliant display just about to break through for his grand try, while Sub-Lt. Kennedy (left) and Lt. Cdr. Clark (right) attempt to intercept him. The Army won by 20-0.—King Yuen.

Golf Championship

J.T. SMITH EASILY BEATS F.D. HUNTER AT FANLING

At Fanling yesterday J. T. Smith beat F. D. Hunter comfortably by 9 and 8 over 36 holes. The weather was perfect, though at the start the greens and fairways were wet with dew. There was a slight breeze in the afternoon, but not enough to make any difference.

From an indifferent start, Smith got the lead at the first hole and increased this to four up at the turn. Hunter did not win a hole till the fourteenth, and was not in his best form, cutting a good many of his shots, nor did he have the best of luck.

IRELAND SCORE EARLY

CHINA attacked from the whistle, and Moore was tested with a fast shot from Yeung. Ireland returned the ball almost immediately, and a fine run by Brackenbury ended in a centre which Jorge met with a first timer for Lau to breast the ball to give Ireland first blood within three minutes of play.

Not satisfied, Ireland returned to the attack and shots were rained on the China goal, but they held off till Hsu relieved the situation with

the figures were as follows, and must be taken as approximate only, as in one or two cases the players did not hole out:

Smith (1st 18)	5, 4, 3, 3, 4, 4, 3, 4, 5, 35
Hunter (1st 18)	4, 5, 2, 4, 5, 5, 5, 4, 5, 37
Smith (2nd 18)	4, 4, 3, 3, 5, 4, 4, 4, 5, 38
Hunter (2nd 18)	3, 4, 2, 5, 5, 4, 3, 4, 3, 33
Smith (2nd 18)	4, 5, 2, 4, 4, 5, 3, 4, 5, 36
Hunter (2nd 18)	4, 5, 3, 4, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 38

Robinson (Navy); Roughley and Hendy (Navy); Layle (Navy); Bright (M'xex) and Wilkinson (M'xex); Gardner (H.K.E.), Thorburn (Navy), Fowler (Club), Saw (M'xex) and Thomas (M'xex).

Reserves—E. Strang (Club), Bright (Navy), Rides (R.A.O.C.) and Freshwater (M'xex).

Players are requested to report to the manager of the team, Mr. W. E. Hollands, in the dressing-room at 3 p.m. sharp. Uniform, shorts and stockings will be supplied.

A fine pass to Cheuk, who combined with Yeung to bring the ball right in. Yeung centred for Cheuk to head the ball in.

A goal was given, but on consulting the linesman, the decision was reversed and offside was given against Cheuk.

China returned soon after, when Chang and Yeung indulged in a display of top passing which ended with Yeung scraping the upright.

Honniball provided the crowd with its first thrill when he allowed Lee to slip through, but Lee's parting shot was yards above.

CHINA EQUALISE

CHINA again broke through after an interval of defensive play, and Lee sent Yeung off with a long pass for him to run right up the field to part to Cheuk, who left Moore standing with a shot that hit the top of the net. Honniball then sent Jorge off with a nice pass, for the latter to tap to O'Regan, and, receiving it back almost immediately, let loose from 15 yards out, but the ball sailed over the crossbar. Hsu passed to Lee, but Hills, robbed him of the ball. Hsu gained possession to shoot from 50 yards out for Moore to clear shakily.

CHINA GO AHEAD

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Rugby Tournament

ARMY TROUNCE NAVY 20-0

Excellent Display By The Backs

(By "Fly-half")

A SPLENDID DISPLAY by the Army back division gave them victory over the Navy by 20 points (2 goals, a dropped goal and 2 tries) to nil in the last game of the first round of the Triangular Tournament. This win places the Army in a strong position to at least become joint holders with the Club of premier local honours. Their display on Saturday would place them as favourites for their match against the Club this Saturday.

Navy, out-played up forward, became disorganised behind the scrum, and were mainly seen in good defensive work for most of the game. Stevens was at his best in tackling, and was worthily applauded, when he was full back, for his head-on tackle of Waite in full flight. He hit the Army centre-three with such force that the three was lifted off his feet, and thrown on his back. More similar tackles by the same player were seen when he moved up to inside-three vice Nicholl, who went to the full-back position after he had sustained what appeared to be a foot injury.

The Army pack gave a good display all-round, and all eight deserve mention. Pinkerton, Sutherland, Page and Duke were the men to catch the eye in the loose. Berry worked extremely hard though his eagerness generally spoilt his finishing off, where he was inclined to kick and rush instead of maintaining continued control of the ball in his dribbles.

May was an accomplished scrum-half, and may be taken to have saved the Army's problem. His passing was methodical and was never wild, whatever the occasion. He has a safe kick, and knows when to use it in defence. A pleasing phase of his game was his effective stopping of foot rushes by lying cleanly on the ball for sufficient time to hold up the attack and allow his forwards to gather around.

DOUBTS DISPELLED

HOOK DISPELLED any doubts as to his ability as an attacking stand-off half. He took his passes cleanly and passed out crisply, and at the correct moment to allow his inside maximum attacking power.

With the halves throwing away no chances, the Army thirds received their opportunities, and made good use of them. Lang was more direct in his attack than Waite—an impression gained, perhaps, because Waite uses such long strides and powerful swerves, which from the grand-stand appear to be executed at half speed.

Although beaten in all phases of the forward game, the Navy pack stuck to their task, with Brown, Ferris and Charles generally in the van.

A BUSY AFTERNOON

CARTER AND CLARK, behind the losing pack, had a busy afternoon in defence work. Carter, in the second half, probably because he saw his inside three were making little headway, tried to get through on his own with no success. Bowden and Kennedy, on the wings, were given few opportunities in attack, and generally found themselves in positions where they were forced to kick into touch or be tackled in possession. Paul and Nicholl, and later Stevens, could make no headway against Army defence.

Army went into attack from the kick-off, but frittered away their opportunities by overdoing the touch-kicking, even when on top of the Navy line.

THE FIRST TRY

SUTHERLAND picked up in the loose, and battered his way over for a try.

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CASH SWEEP WINNERS ON SATURDAY

The following were the lucky cash sweep numbers at the Races on Saturday:

RACE	Winning Number	Amount
RACE 1	No. 4,149	\$2,004.75
RACE 2	No. 3,359	\$2,004.75
RACE 3	No. 4,147	\$2,004.75
RACE 4	No. 3,359	\$2,004.75
RACE 5	No. 4,147	\$2,004.75
RACE 6	No. 3,359	\$2,004.75
RACE 7	No. 4,149	\$2,004.75
RACE 8	No. 3,359	\$2,004.75

VETERANS AT CRICKET

Hongkong Cricket Club Beat Kowloon C.C.

An innings of 56 not out by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell featured the match between veteran members of the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Hongkong Cricket Club played at Kowloon yesterday, and won by the latter by 60 runs.

All who took part in the game were over the age of 45, and their total ages came to over 1,000. His Excellency the Governor did not play, though originally expected to, but he acted as one of the umpires.

Hongkong C.C.

Urg. McLeod, retired	20
U. Baker, b. Nash	10
R. S. W. Hudson, c. Green b. Fraser	41
R. O. Gillespie, retired	30
J. O. Pearce, b. Hobbs	30
J. A. Hubbard, b. Nash	1
J. D. Humphreys, c. Lindell b. Fraser	18
J. S. Stokes, hit wicket b. Fraser	6
E. J. R. Nicholl, retired	32
G. S. Lovett, b. Nash	14
E. W. Hamilton, not out	9
Extras	9
Total	202

Bowling Analysis

Player	O.	M.	R.	W.
Parsons	6	0	31	0
Nash	0	7	59	1
Fraser	0	2	17	0
Hobbs	1	1	15	0
Green	1	1	15	0

Kowloon C.C.

S. Jex, c. Pearce b. Patterson	0
W. Nash, c. Pearce b. Hamilton	5
Capt. A. H. Martin, retired	17
Capt. W. M. Parsons, retired	27
E. Lindell, retired	69
J. Fraser, b. Pearce	7
C. Green, not out	34
W. O. Hubbard, b. Nicholl	2
T. O. Stokes, c. Pearce b. Nicholl	2
E. Abraham, c. McLeod b. Nicholl	2
E. E. Nash, b. Nicholl	2
Extras	2
Total	141

Bowling Analysis

Player	O.	M.	R.	W.
Patterson	4	1	15	0
Hamilton	4	1	23	0
Gillespie	4	1	23	0
Pearce	4	1	16	0
Humphreys	4	1	16	0
Lovett	4	1	16	0
Redmond	4	1	16	0

Week-end Softball Scores

The following were the week-end softball scores:

Girls	Score
Hongkong-Ballgirls	0, Pirates 5.
Panthers	0, Wahooks 5.
Cubs	10, Cardinals 12.
Canadian Chinese	12, Wildcats 11.
Men	Score
Recreo 17, V.R.C. 6.	
Chung Hwa 5, Recreco B 1.	
H.K. Baseball Club 10, C.B.A. 9.	
Canadian Chinese 12, Trojans 2.	
Shell 23, H.K. Shai Bank 14.	
R.A.F. 14, Texaco 8.	

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JANE WYMAN
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STANLEY FIELDS
is "Muscles" Malone...and funnier than he was in "Blackwell's Island"

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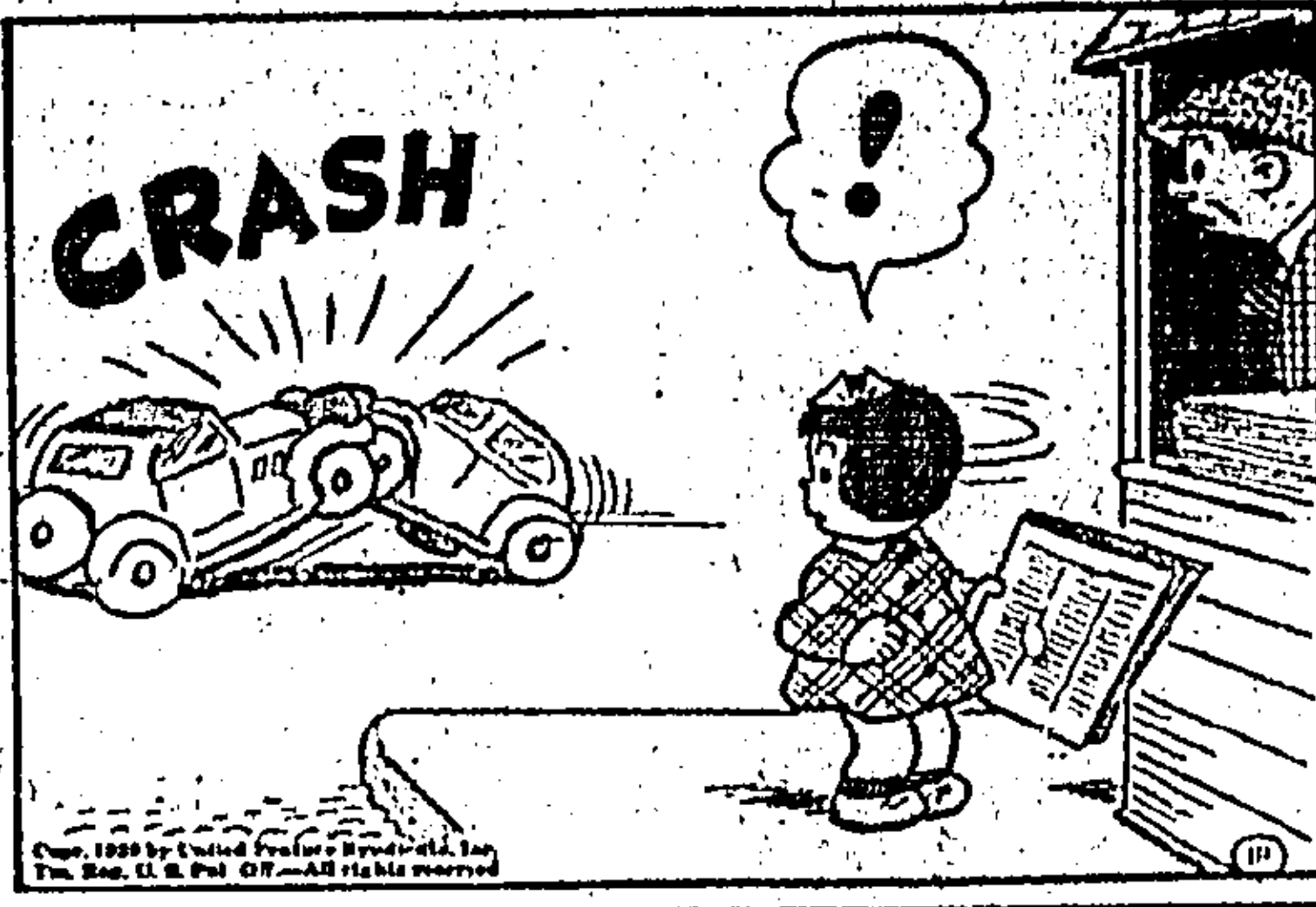
Kowloon C.C. Beat Kowloon B.G.C.

The Kowloon Bowling Green Club entertained the Kowloon Cricket Club in a friendly tennis match yesterday. The visitors won by 58 games to 32. The Kowloon C.C. registered a victory of 47 games to 20 in the women's doubles and beat the Bowling Green by 60 games to 40 in the mixed doubles.

Women's Singles

Mrs. E. Liffon beat Miss R. Rumm, 6-3, 6-2, in the Ladies Open tennis singles tournament on Saturday.

NANCY



SIREN IN KHAKI

A young soldier, stationed near London, is the "awful example" of the war-time dangers of mimicry.

His imitations of farmyard sounds, express trains and sergeant-majors were the joy of his company.

But success led to his fall. The other day he tried to imitate the "warbling note" of the air-raid warning signal. The result was so realistic that it was mistaken for a raid warning.

Troops sprang to action-stations, guns were pointed skywards and a convoy rushed off to guard a neighbouring town.

Result: The offender is now quietly practising "birds" songs at evictive in the peace of military confinement.

Rum For Air Raid Victims

From the "Medical World"

The rum ration was often of the greatest assistance at first-aid posts under fire in the last war, but it has not yet penetrated to the consciousness of the official medical officers—lay or Army—that it is sometimes equally good for the raid-shocked civilian.

The medical officer will be wise who sees to it that any unit for which he is responsible is not without a rum ration for use at need.

OBJECTOR'S DUAL NATIONALITY

A YOUNG man of dual nationality—British and Swiss—appeared before the London Tribunal for conscientious objectors at West London County Court.

He was C. J. Baerlocher, of Perryn Road, Acton, and the clerk (Mr. Clayton Smith), on behalf of the Ministry of Labour, explained that on reaching 21 Baerlocher would have to choose which nationality he will adopt.

Baerlocher said he was born in England and had lived here all his life, except for a year he spent in Switzerland.

He was enrolled in the Swiss Military Medical Corps, but Switzerland, he said, would never go to war about anything unless they were attacked on their own ground. He said he was willing to do land work or civilian defence work.

"Done Our Share"

Another objector, W. H. V. Adlington, of Scarborough Road, E., wrote stating that his father lost a leg in the last war, and his grandfather died from war service.

"My father, like myself, was an only son, and we consider we have done our share in the cause of war," he added.

Philip Edward Bailey, of Tudor Road, Hampton, said his understanding of Christianity made it impossible for him to kill his fellow men.

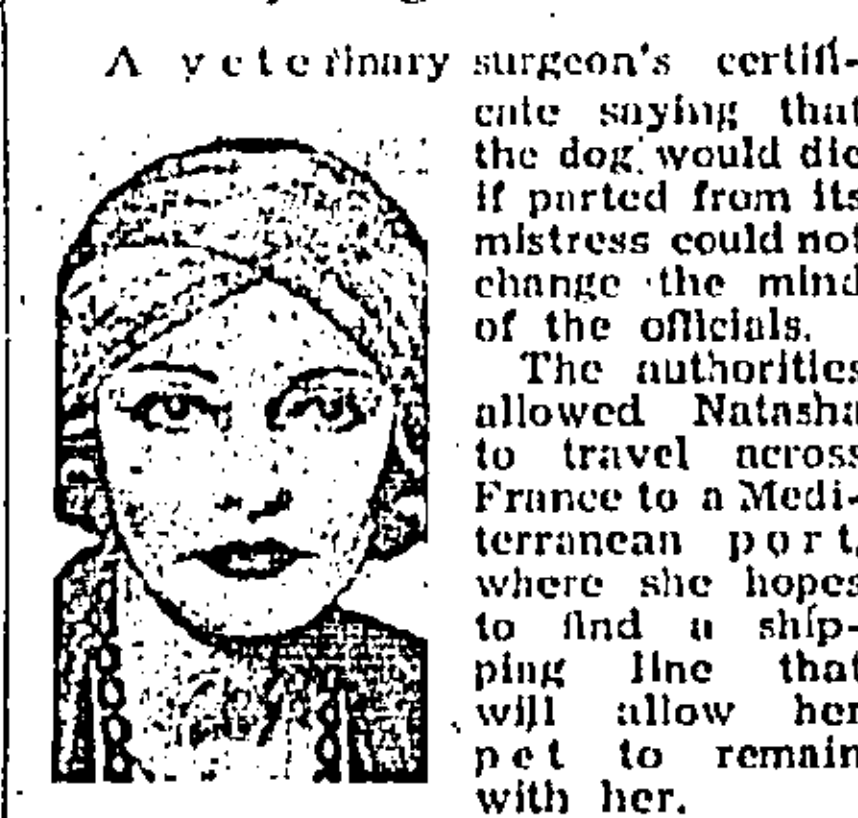
"I denounce war and the preparation for it; I shall work only for peace," he said.

He added that he was not willing to join the R.A.M.C. or work "under Government control."

N. L. Colman, of Castle View Gardens, Ilford, wrote "Hated for one's fellow men, which I think is necessary towards the success of war, is incompatible with the Christian principle of love."

Valentino's Widow Clings To Her 'Peke'

BORDEAUX.—Because she was not allowed to have her Pekingese dog with her in her cabin, Natasha Rambova, former wife of Rudolf Valentino, walked off a liner in which she had booked a passage from Bordeaux.



Army Beat The Navy

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(By "Fly-half")

a good try, which Berry came near to converting. Not long afterwards, Lang dashed over for a try which Waite converted. This gave the Army an eight points' lead at half time.

In the second half, Army's superiority was decisive, and they were kept busy feeding Hook.

In a solo Navy attack, Paul nearly let Bowden through, but Pinkerton came across smartly to grass the winger, and Pleton was not harassed when he placed the ball into touch.

Duke was very active in following up, whilst his feeding and quick passes to his three led to a score midway through the second half. Waite gathered a pass to cross over for an unconverted try, which caught the Navy side napping.

PREMEDITATED MOVE

ARMY'S NEXT SCORE was a dropped goal well manoeuvred, and which appeared to have been a move worked out in practice. From scrum in front of the Navy posts, the ball went out to Hook, who hesitated as if he were going to attempt a drop, and then he dashed off to the left, and on seeing his way barred he threw out a long pass behind his scrum to Lang, who was on the right hand side of the scrum (well back), and who took deliberate aim and dropped a grand goal.

Duke then let Pinkerton through for a try which was converted by Lang.

Dr. J. A. R. Selby refereed. Airing-stall (H.E.), Sgt. Lang (H. Scots), Cpl. Waite (H.E.), and Lt. Skipwith (H.A.), H. Hooper (H.A.), May (Durham), Hdr. Evans (H.A.), Cpl. Sutherland (H. Scots), Lt. Hewitt (Middlesex), Lt. Pinkerton (H. Scots), Pte. Perry (Middlesex), Sgt. Page (H.A.), Lt. Cunningham (H. Scots), and Capt. Duke (H. Scots), Wainwright, Pat. in. Everist, Sgt. Snowden, Tel. Paul, Mtd. Nichol and Sub. Lt. Kennedy, Lt. Carter and Lt. Car. Clark; Log. Wtr. Darlow, Lt. (S) Brown, Mtd. Martin, P.O. Smart, A.B. Longmuir, C. Wtr. King, Pay, Lt. Charles and Ldg. Wtr. Ferris.

Police 10 Club 8

Police defeated Club by 10 points (two goals) to 8 (a goal and a try) in a keen encounter which took place prior to the main game. It is understood that Club played men who were fighting for their places in next week's match against the Army.

Police must be congratulated on their fine display, which must justify their inclusion in the senior games next season. A Quadrangular Tournament next year would now seem to be a certainty.

Club lost last Saturday's game through lack of a goal-kicker. Admittedly a difficult attempt to convert was missed, but then Charter failed badly with a kick practically in front of the Police goal. Henderson is surely Club's best short and medium distance kicker, and it was strange that he was not entrusted with the penalty.

Wall was exceedingly safe at full-back for the Police. Taylor and Fay were the pick of a very sound Police

Still at It, Still Wrong

KARL VON WIEGAND, "the Kaiser's Press agent," who visited Hongkong in 1937, is at it again. This German-born American journalist, who described himself during the last war as the "official Press representative with the German Army," is now working in Amsterdam for Mr. William Randolph Hearst's newspaper chain.

In a message published in America he states Dutch opinion as "believing that England and France have probably lost the war already."

From 1914-16 von Wiegand repeatedly claimed the Central Powers were invincible. In August 1918 he wired his newspaper: "Rumania will not enter the war against Germany." Rumania did NOT come in—until a week later.

He was the mouthpiece of the German Fleet for its comic-opera challenges to Britain from the mine and fortress protected anchorage of Wilhelmshaven.

BELGIANS HEAR GUN-FIRE

BRUSSELS, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—It is reported that the sound of gun-fire coming from the direction of the sea, was heard on the Belgian coast. The firing was described as being apparently of a serious nature.

Purchasing Fleet Of Cargo Ships

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—Sir Arley Spence, representative of the British Ministry of Shipping, is understood to be the head of a delegation in New York negotiating to purchase a fleet of cargo vessels.

three line. Indeed, Fay has never played better in this Colony.

Leslie, at start of half, was in form and generally had the measure of young Thompson, his vis-a-vis. Luscombe put in a hard afternoon's work.

OUTPLAYED IN SCRUMS

UP FORWARD Police were outplayed in the tight scrums despite their superior weight man for man, and this might be somewhat accounted for by the fact that they packed 3-4, with Riddell playing 5/8. Dempsey was outstanding in the line-outs for the Police, where he gave his side an advantage. Jackson, at inside forward, was a grand tackler in the loose, and should prove to be invaluable in this position for the Police, now that he is no longer required as a three-quarter.

In the tight scrums, Club forwards did well, with Soliver hooking excellently in the loose, backing up in attack, and covering up in defence. The Club pack showed up poorly except in individual efforts. Deane, Bomps and Kennedy were the Club best.

A STUMBLING BLOCK

HENDERSON and Thompson did well without indulging in individualist movements. They found Riddell a stumbling block, if they held on too long. Carruthers dropped his passes too frequently. He redeemed himself to a certain extent by following-up well in attack, whilst in defence he was sound. Charter was the mainstay of the backs, and had he been better supported his efforts would have been better taken advantage of. Van Leeuwen and Lavalle found Taylor and Reynolds too much for them. Thomson again showed improvement at full back.

Wilson weaved his way through the Club back division to touch down and draw first blood for Police. Fay converted from an easy position.

Carruthers replied for Club. Charter failed to convert.

Soon after the resumption, Henderson, backing up well, ruced over to touch down for Club. Charter converted.

Police replied almost immediately with a try by Taylor which Fay converted.

The teams were:

Police—J. R. Wall, D. H. Taylor, B. C. Fay, G. B. Wilson and R. U. Reynolds, R. B. Leslie and E. C. Luscombe, A. Wheeler, J. Culman, C. L. G. Dempsey, H. W. Jackson and J. B. Riddell.
Club—F. M. Thomson, H. Van Leeuwen, J. C. Charter, M. G. Carruthers and M. Leslie, M. Thomson and J. R. Henderson, R. E. Heaman, K. W. Salter, E. W. Blount, F. A. Bomps, A. M. Kennedy, B. C. Deane, A. J. G. G. G. and J. B. Dunnott.

Ireland's Unavailing Effort

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movement started by Ip saw the ball sent over to Chang who repassed to Ip to shoot across the goalmouth. Lee slipped it back to Ip who again sent it across this time for Cheuk to meet it with a weak shot that dribbled under the top of Moore who was too slow in getting down to it.

LUCK AGAINST

FROM the resumption, Ireland attacked and penned the Chinese in their own area, but luck was dead against them. Their approach work was beyond reproach, but their finishing had a great deal lacking. O'Regan forced a corner, but A. Leonard sent in a weak shot which Mak had no difficulty in clearing. D. Leonard and Honniball advanced further afield, and gave more rope to Cheuk and Chang, who ever and anon made raids on the Ireland goal.

In one of the raids Cheuk pulled a muscle, and was absent for a few minutes, but he soon returned to instigate a dangerous raid which came very near a goal. Jorgie was to the fore at this period, once back-heeding to Brackenbury who was a sight too slow and lost a good chance. Brackenbury redeemed himself minutes later when he centred right at the toes of Jorgie who pushed the ball in whilst Tan unbalanced, but an offside kick was given against Jorgie.

PENALTY AWARD

SHORTLY after this, Tsang was pulled up for a doubtful hands, and after O'Regan and Hills had declined the responsibility, Sheehan scored with a rasping low shot.

Undoubtedly the Chinese strove gamely if weakly against the pressing attacks of the Irish, and Ip put them ahead again after combining splendidly with Young.

Ireland tried very hard, and came near on several occasions, but China was to go still further ahead when in a miscalculation in front of goal, Lee tapped the ball in, with Moore wondering about the whereabouts of the ball.

The teams:—China—Tan Kwan-hon, Mak Sui-hon, Tsang Chung-wan, Lau Shui-tan, Hsu King-seng, The Chan-hung, Yeung suk-yick, Chang Ching-hai, Lee Wai-tong, Cheuk Shek-kam and Ip Pak-wa.

Ireland—Moore, Hills, Sheehan, Smart, D. Leonard, Honniball, Brackenbury, P. Jorgie, O'Regan, Martin and A. Leonard.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued 12.30 p.m. Saturday says: Market ruled quite steady for the short session, closing with a firm undertone.

Buyers
H.K. Bank \$1,340
Union Ins. \$400
Douglases \$71½
Wharves \$101
Docks \$10.40
Providents \$4.60
H. & S. Hotels \$4.90
Humphreys \$7.80
Realities \$4.40
Star Ferries \$80
Yau-mai Ferries \$23½
China Lights (Old) \$8.15
Electrics \$53
Sandakan Lights \$11.60
Telephone (New) \$8.60
Dairy Farms (Old) \$21
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Watsons \$8.85

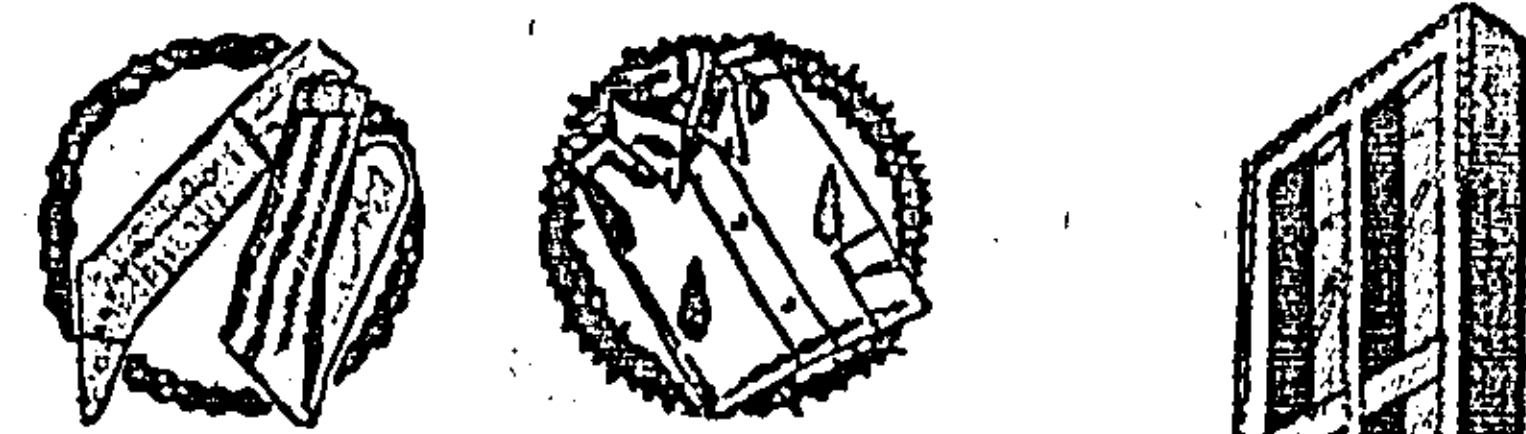
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H. & S. Hotels \$5.10
Lands \$34
Tranways \$17.30
Telephones (Old) \$25½

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H.K. Bank \$1,350
Union Ins. \$412½
Docks \$19½
H. & S. Hotels \$4.90
Tranways \$17.20
Telephones (New) \$8½
Ropes \$8
Watsons \$8.85

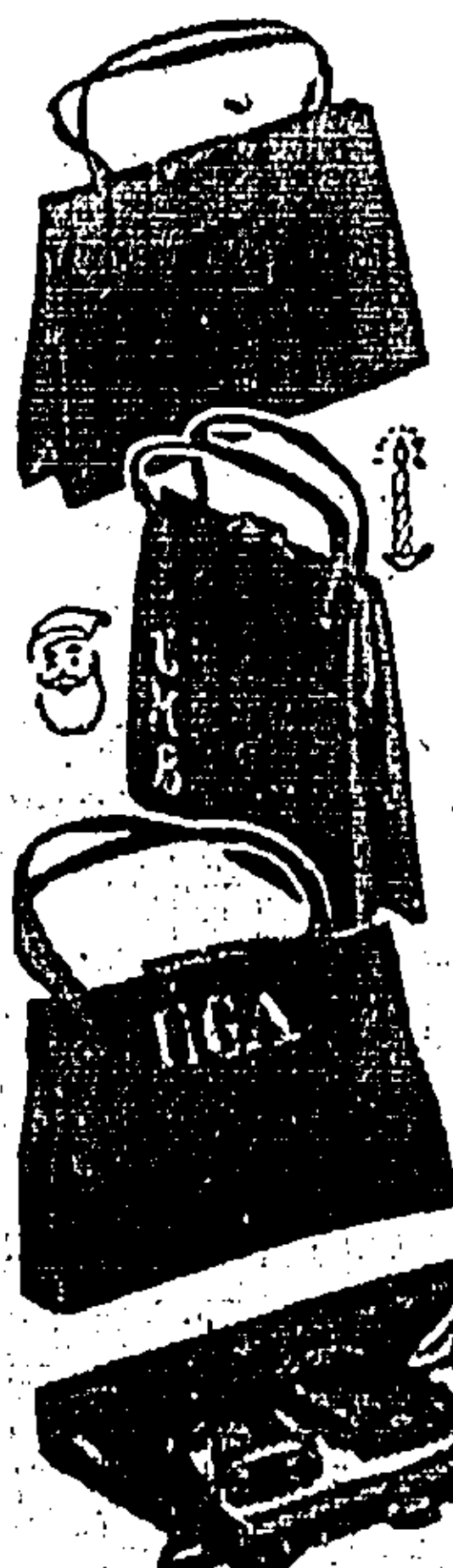
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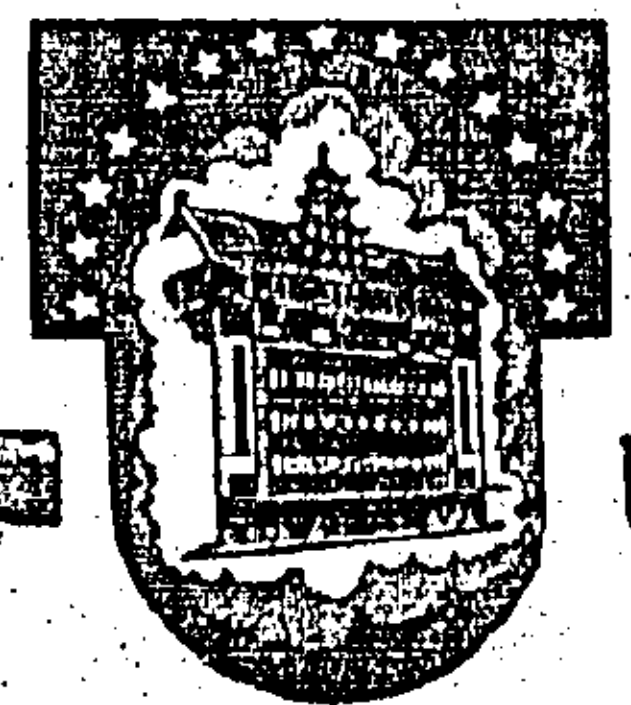
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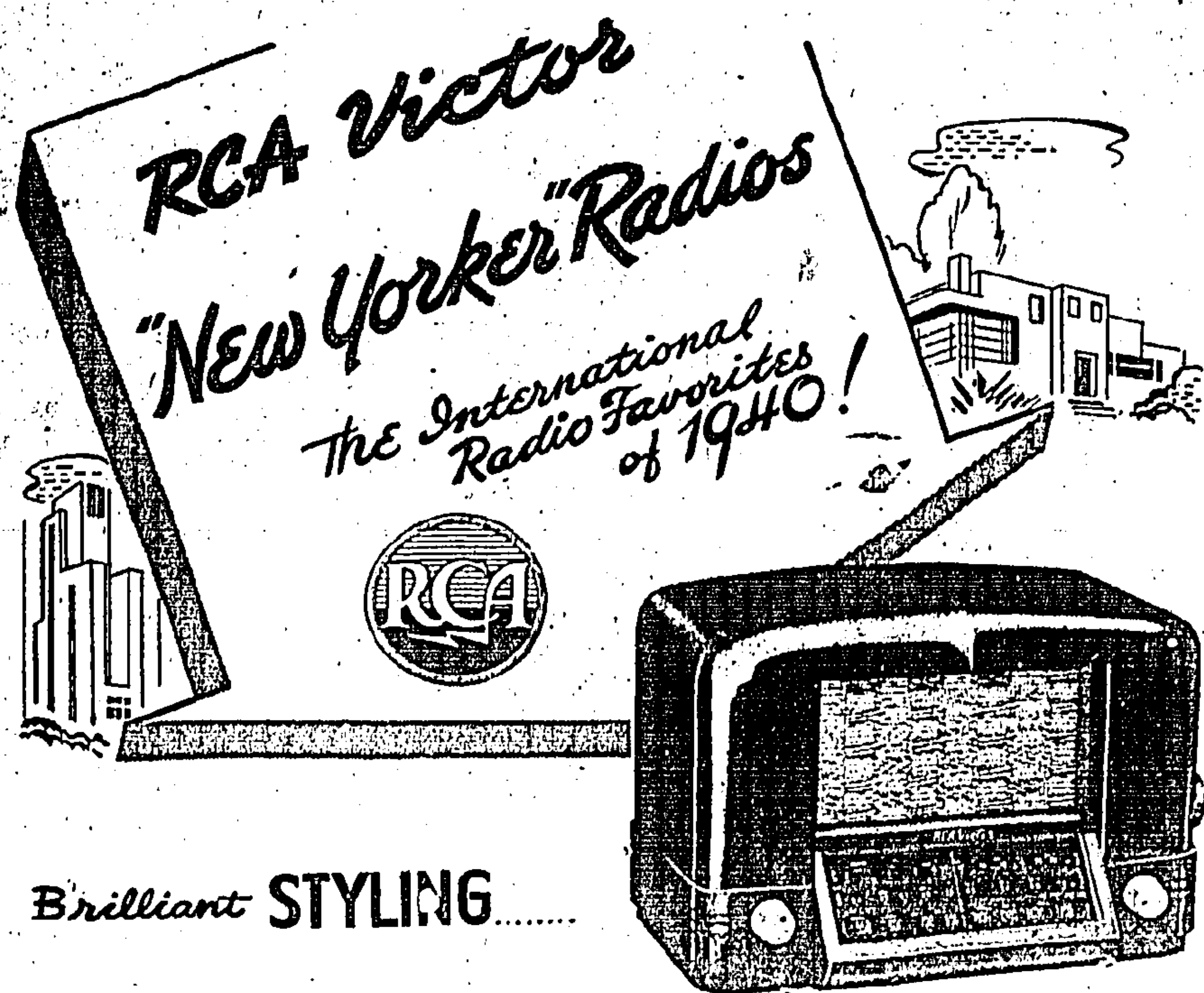
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Materials.—6oz. Paton and Baldwins sock wool. Four No. 9 needles pointed at both ends.

Tension.—Six stitches to the inch (unstretched).

Abbreviations.—K-knit; P-purl; St-stitch; Rep-repeat; Rem-remain; tog-together; Beg-beginning.

Note.—Work into backs of cast-on or picked-up sts. to produce firm edges. Using double wool and 2 needles, cast on 102 sts. and work in ribbing of

K1, P1 for 8 rows. 9th row. * P4, K2. Rep. from * to end of row. 10th row. P2 * K2, P4. Rep. from * until 9 rem.

K2, P1. Rep. these two rows 15 times. Cast off.

Cast on 56 sts. and work 9th and 10th rows 18 times. K2 tog. at each end of every row until sts. are reduced to 12.

Cast off. Sew top and side edges of this piece to casting-off edge of first piece.

Using set of needles and with right side of work facing, pick up 54 sts. evenly along lower edge, cast on 22 sts. for front (108 in all).

Work in ribbing of K1, P1 for 34 rounds. Cast off loosely. Press well on wrong side under a damp cloth.

Right Mitten
Materials.—3oz. khaki or Air Force blue 3-ply wool. Four No. 9 needles. Cast on 56 sts. (19 on 2 needles and

18 on the third) and work in ribbing of K1, P1 for 34 rounds.
Rd. 35: K2, P2, k twice into each of next two sts. k. to end. Work 2 rds. plain (these are worked between each increasing).
Rd. 36: K2, P2, k twice into next st. k. twice into next st. k. to end.
Rd. 37: K2, P2, k twice into next st. (this will be referred to as "inc. 1" in future), k. 4, inc. 1, k. to end.
Rd. 38: K2, P2, inc. 1, k. 6, inc. 1, k. to end.
Rd. 39: K2, P2, inc. 1, k. 8, inc. 1, k. to end.
Rd. 40: K2, P2, inc. 1, k. 10, inc. 1, k. to end.
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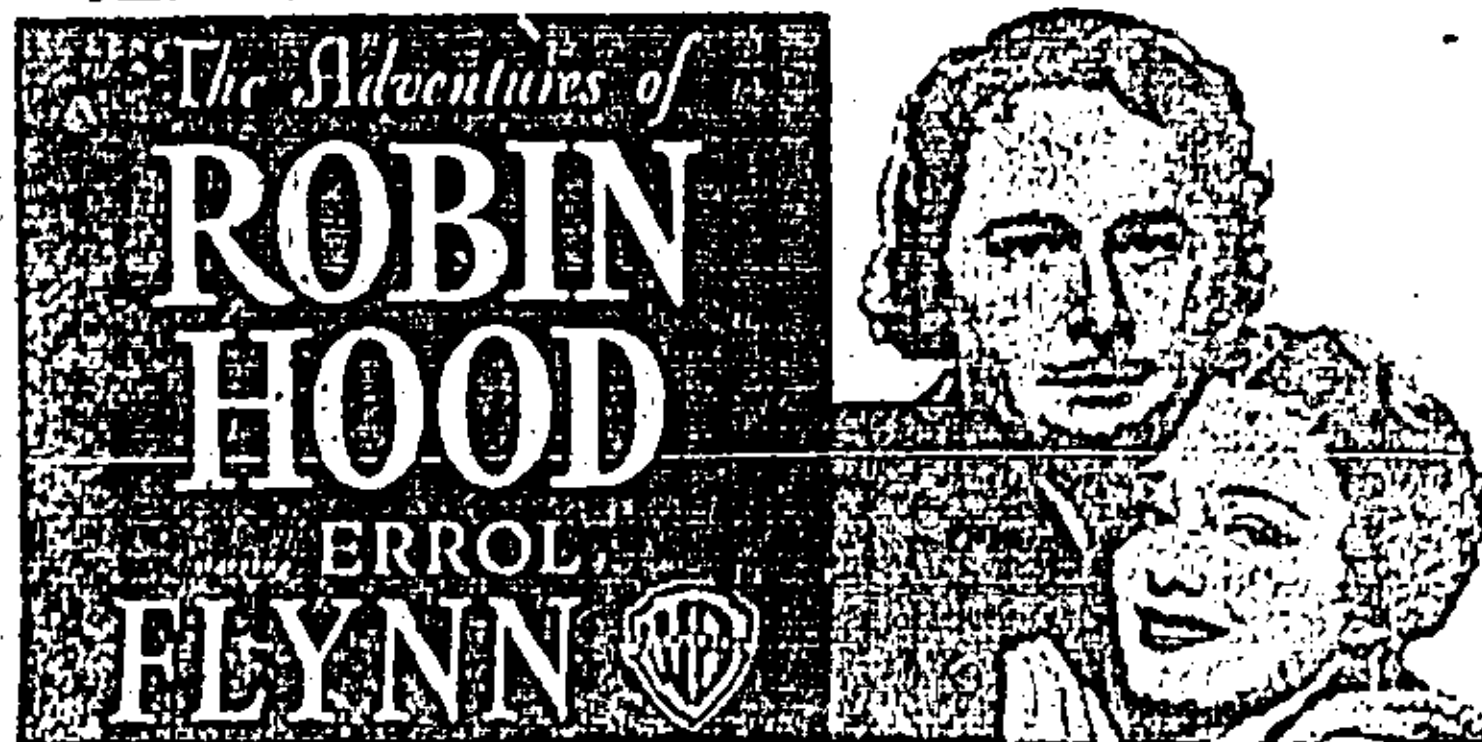
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Nazi Plane Sinks
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BERLIN, Dec. 17 (UP).—It is announced that British bombing planes attacked the Islands of Norderney and Sylt last night. A number of bombs were dropped.

Informed circles in London confirmed the above report and state that it was a "routine nightly occurrence."

German Plane Doomed
Eye-witnesses at an east coast port said they saw an L.A.F. plane down one of two German planes which had bombed, machinegunned and sunk the steamer Serenity. The Admiralty said: "The R.A.F. engaged the enemy and pursued them out to sea. Anti-aircraft guns opened fire for a short time in the Humber district."

The air force is speculating keenly on what the Air Minister's words may foretell.

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LATE NEWS

British Pilots Await New Calls To Duty

BITTER AERIAL WARFARE LIKELY

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—Britain's air arm in France is hastening preparations for a hard winter, says "Reuter's" special correspondent with the R.A.F. in France.

The season shows every promise of being bitterly cold on the West Front, and it may well be one of bitter aerial warfare as well.

Air Minister's Warning

In view of its proximity to Germany, which is within easy striking distance, the air force expects to have a big share to what Sir Kingsley Wood called another and "more strenuous and difficult" chapter of the war in the air which, he warned the House of Commons, might open before the spring.

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Rice Riot In Shanghai

Quelled After Loss Of
20 Bags Of Rice

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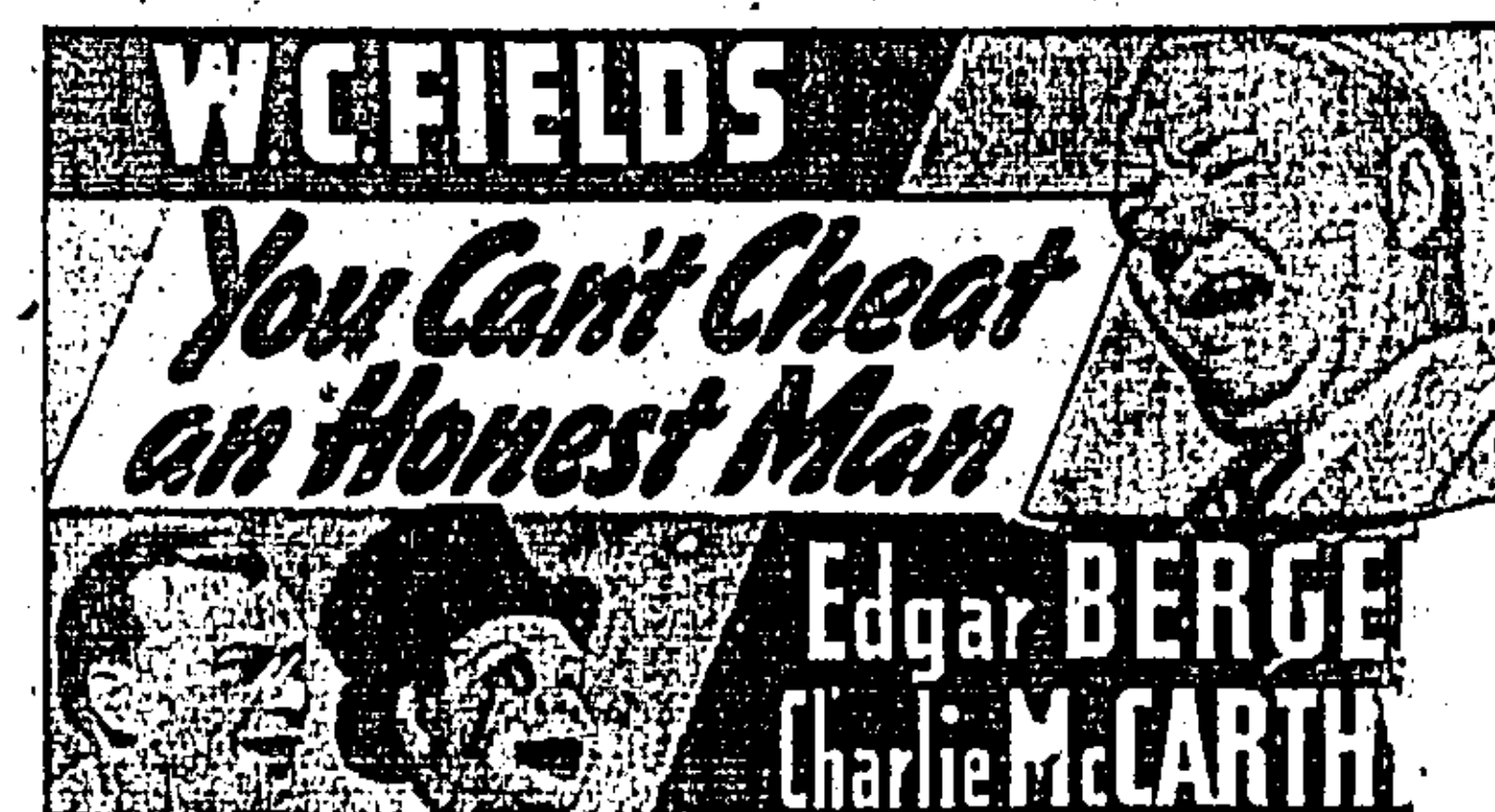
SHANGHAI, Dec. 17 (UP).—One minor riot occurred in French Concession this afternoon in the course of which the rioters seized twenty bags of rice.

The riot was quickly quelled and there were no further disturbances during the day.

Due to last week's rice riots, most of the Shanghai rice shops closed their doors to-day, but served customers through a small hole in the doorway.

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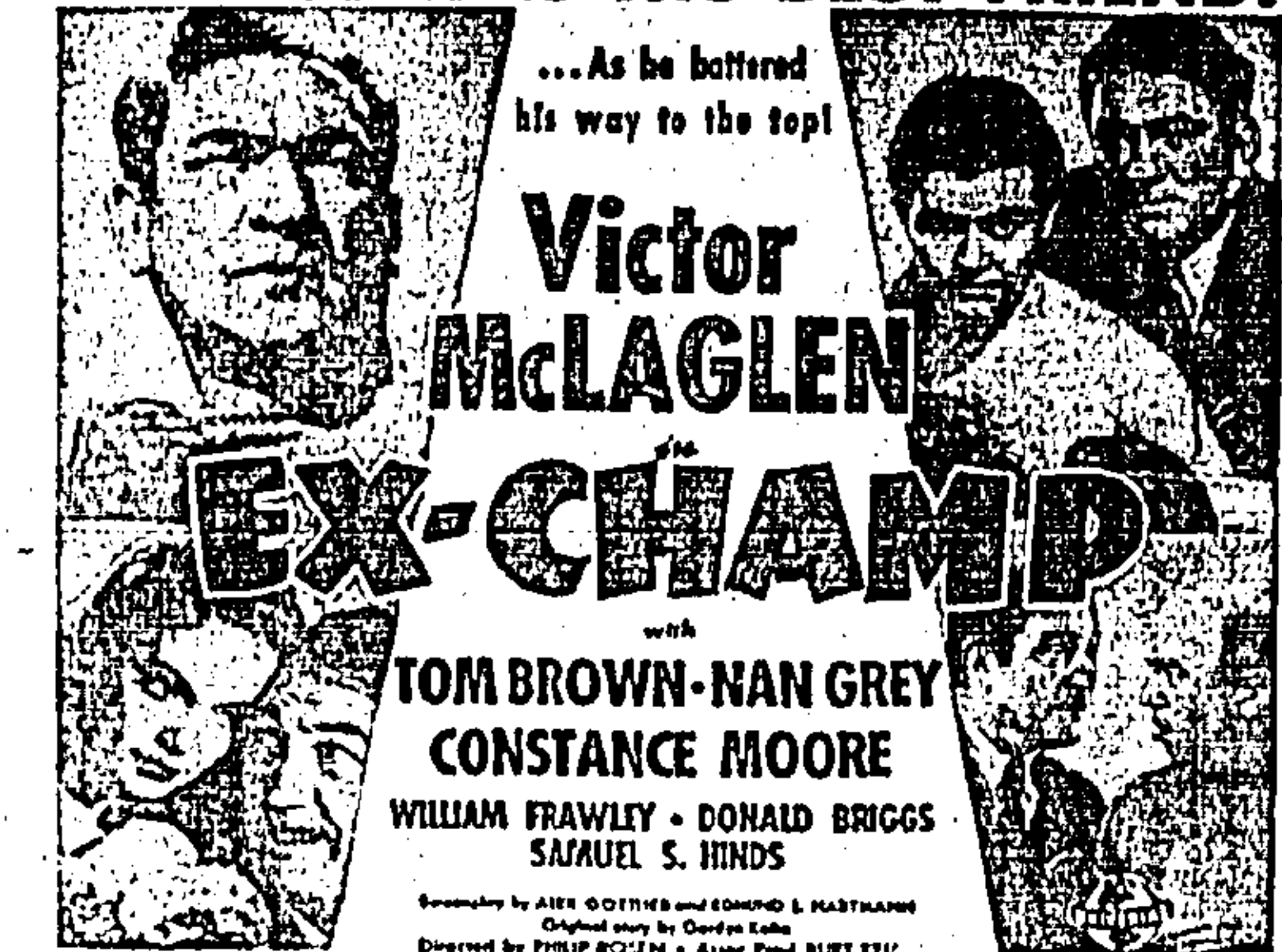
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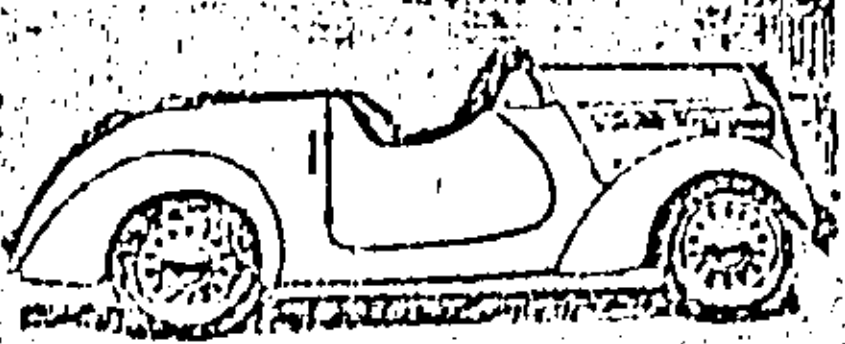
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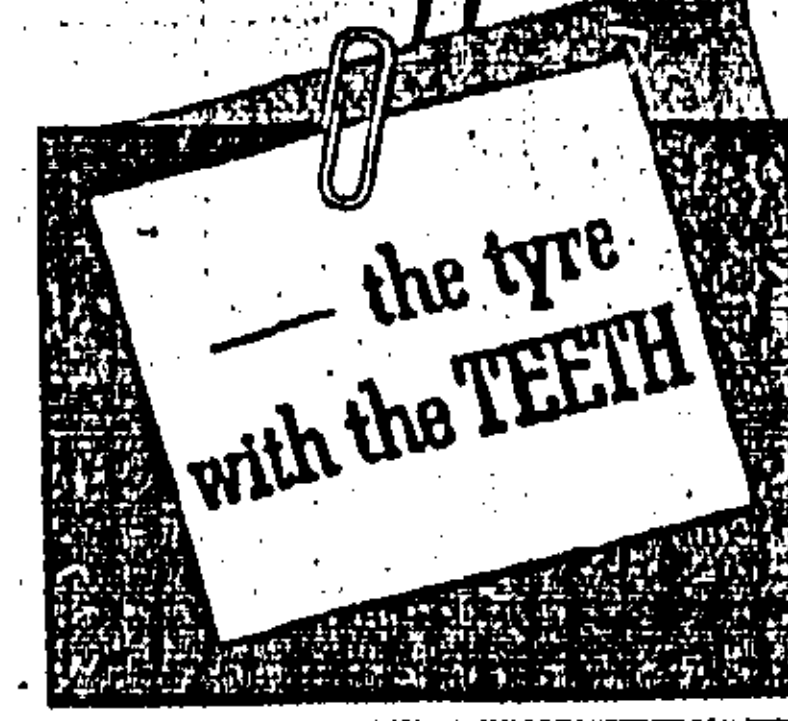
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CAPTAIN & CREW TO BE INTERNED

MONTEVIDEO, DEC. 18 (UP).—CONTRARY TO EARLIER REPORTS, CAPTAIN LANGDORF DID NOT GO DOWN WITH HIS SHIP.

IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED THAT THE COMMANDER OF THE SCUTTLED ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE IS NOW ABOARD A MOTOR LAUNCH EN ROUTE TO BAIRE.

He will presumably be interned for the duration of the war as soon as he lands.

The Admiral Graf Spee has not completely sunk, and is still burning fiercely.

At 8.50 a.m. a third terrific explosion ripped off the central control tower.

The ship's fuel oil—she is loaded with sufficient to carry her 10,000 miles—has provoked even greater fires, with the flame shooting twenty yards into the air.

The British cruiser Cumberland, former temporary flagship of the China Squadron, together with a British destroyer which cannot at present be identified, are rapidly approaching the scene.

WANTED TO FIGHT

Captain Opposed
Ignominious End

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—The ignominious end of the Graf Spee appears to have been contrary to the personal wishes of her commander.

Otherwise it is difficult to explain the extensive repairs effected on board before her departure.

During all Saturday-Sunday night, the sky in Montevideo harbour was illuminated vividly by electric welders as new plates were affixed to her damaged hull.

Looked Good As New
The big holes in the control tower were patched up and as she sailed out of harbour it was difficult, except for an expert, to detect signs of the mauling which she received in last Wednesday's naval battle.

Until her sudden right-about face in the Rio de Plata, it was believed that Capt. Langdorp might adhere to his original plan, which, it is believed, envisaged a journey to Buenos Aires to gain time while submarines and perhaps other surface craft were ready to join in action against the Allied armada at the entrance to the Estuary.

SHANGHAI COST OF LIVING

SHANGHAI, Dec. 18. (Reuter).—The cost of living in Shanghai continues to mount steadily, as shown by records drawn up by the Shanghai Municipal Council.

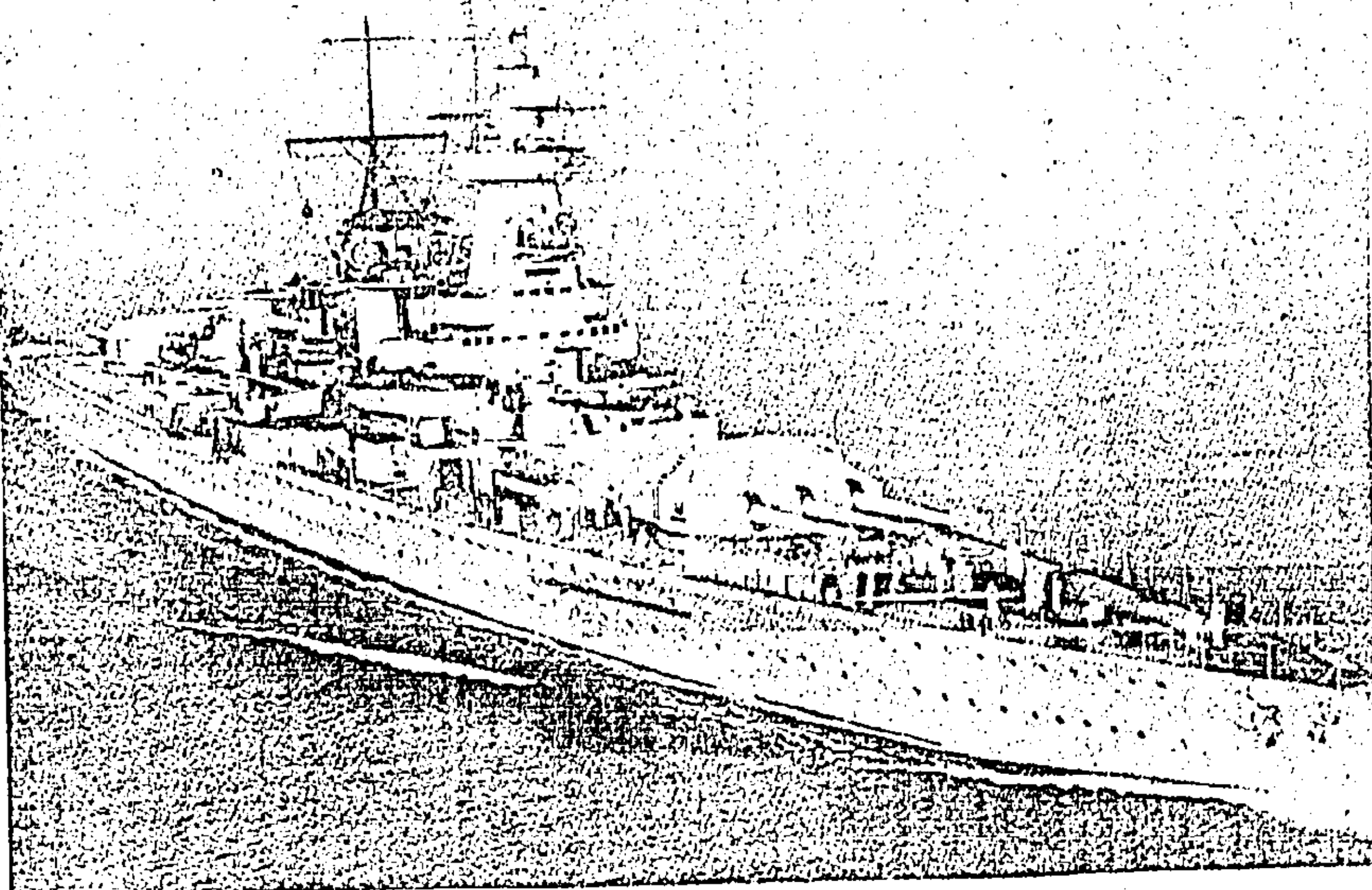
According to these records, the following increases in November, 1939, as compared with the average for 1938, are noted:

Food	149.03%
Rent	182.41%
Clothing	116.26%
Fuel & Light	205.01%

These figures relate to native products only, imported articles rising in direct relation to foreign exchange. The purchasing power of the Chinese dollar, according to these statistics, is 39.20 per cent. of its value in 1938.

CHRISTMAS IN BLIGHTY

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—The first men of the British Expeditionary Force to be given Christmas leave left France to-day for England aboard various transports.



The German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee. The vessel was named after the German Admiral who defeated Craddock at Coronel and was himself decisively beaten by Sturdee at the subsequent Battle of the Falkland Islands, going down with his flagship, the Scharnhorst. The word Coronel adorned the Admiral Graf Spee's superstructure.

Pride Of Nazi Navy Meets Ignominious End

"Telegraph's" Exclusive Reports Of Scuttling Of The "Graf Spee"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTEVIDEO, DEC. 18 (UP).—RATHER THAN SUFFER THE HUMILIATION OF INTERNMENT FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR, HITLER LAST NIGHT ORDERED THE DESTRUCTION OF THE PRIDE OF THE GERMAN NAVY, THE 10,000-TON 'POCKET BATTLESHIP' ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE.

The order was carried out by the Admiral Graf Spee's Commander, Captain Langdorp, at 7.25 p.m. (6.55 a.m. H.K.T.) to-day.

The Admiral Graf Spee was dynamited and scuttled five miles off Montevideo.

VIVID RADIO BROADCAST

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HYDE PARK, Dec. 18 (UP).

One of the most vivid radio broadcasts ever made gave a "ball by ball" description of the end of the Admiral Graf Spee to American listeners.

A running commentary on the sinking of the Nazi pocket battleship was broadcast over the American radio networks at an hour when most people were listening in. Millions heard the dramatic relay from Montevideo.

Among the listeners was President Roosevelt, who sat in his library at Hyde Park, with his receiver switched on.

President Roosevelt maintained close personal contact with Mr. Cordell Hull, his Secretary of State, during the broadcast.

BRITON DETAINED

Taken Off Captured Neutral Steamer

MOSCOW, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—Mr. George Gordon Verker, M.C., Acting Counsellor at the British Embassy at Moscow, is presumed to be detained in Germany following the interception by a German warship of the steamer in which he was travelling to England.

Mr. Verker left Moscow ten days ago en route to England, whence he was to have travelled.

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The warship weighed anchor shortly after 6 p.m., and cleared the Montevideo breakwater at 6.30 p.m., watched from the shore by a crowd of tens of thousands which included many of the British seamen released from her when she dashed into port on Thursday.

Captain's Last Words

Just before the warship left, Captain Langdorp turned to Uruguayan officials and said:

"I will try to clear the blockade. If I cannot I will sink my ship. Good-bye."

After clearing the breakwater, the Admiral Graf Spee headed south.

At the estuary of the River Plate she stopped for half an hour whilst over 900 of her crew transferred to the 8,000-ton German freighter Tacoma.

A few minutes later there were two terrific blasts.

The sides of the Admiral Graf Spee literally stove in, and the warship burst into flames from end to end.

Disappears From View
Within a few seconds of the two explosions the pride of the German Navy had disappeared from view.

The Tacoma slowly headed back to Montevideo wharve, presumably the crew of the Admiral Graf Spee will be interned for the duration of the war.

Contrary to earlier reports, neither the Renown nor the Ark Royal were off Montevideo, the vigil being maintained by H.M.S. Achilles, H.M.S. Ajax, H.M.S. Barham, H.M.S. Cumberland and the French cruiser Dunkerque.

But the battleship and aircraft-carrier were not far away.

They unexpectedly arrived at Rio de Janeiro on Sunday, bearing evidence of a forced crossing of the South Atlantic from Africa, where they were sighted.

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FINLAND'S APPEAL

President Asks For Material Aid

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 17 (UP).—In a radio address to the Army, President Kallio appealed to "all the civilised world" to aid Finland with war materials.

He said he could not believe that the world would leave Finland to fight alone and reiterated Finland's determination to fight on in the face of aggression even if such aid was not forthcoming.

"We are deeply grateful for the economic help and sympathy that has fallen to our lot," the President declared.

"But everyone realises that in modern war the decision lies with the instrument of defence which is suited to his particular purposes."

"Therefore, Finland needs further help than has so far been obtained during the war."

Can't Fight Alone
"If our cause is the joint cause of the whole civilised world, we believe that the civilised nations cannot leave us to fight alone on this front."

"But even if that should be true, in case which we do not believe, the Finnish people cannot yield in the face of aggression."

"If the principle of justice is allowed to be trodden under foot by anarchy, then human life will be worthless and our ancient civilisation will have lost its most dependable corner-stone."

Third Power Shipping Will Be Permitted To Use River As Far As Nanking

YANGTSE RIVER TO BE RE-OPENED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Dec. 18 (Domei).—Japanese Army and Navy authorities have decided to make preparations for a conditional re-opening of the Yangtse River up to Nanking, the Japanese Army and Navy authorities here announced in a joint communique at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

"Gradual relaxation of the absolute military necessity requiring the closure of the Yangtse had lately become possible along the lower part of the River."

"In view of the above, the military and naval authorities in the field have decided to make preparations with a view to lifting the closure of the Yangtse below Nanking subject to restrictions required by military necessity and for the maintenance of order and public security so as to meet this new situation," the communique says.

Exeter's Losses

Casualty List Issued By Admiralty

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 17 (UP).—The Admiralty has issued an official list of the dead on board H.M.S. Exeter.

The names of the officers include:—

Lieutenant-Commander John Bowman-Mannfield
Midshipman John S. Rickard
Paymaster Sub-Lieutenant Donald H. Taylor

Captain (Royal Marines) Humphrey R. D. Woods

Acting Sub-Lieutenant Clyde A. L. Morie (missing, believed killed.)

Those wounded include:—
Probationary Temporary Sub-Lieutenant Jack E. Causton

Acting Gunner Thomas Lynn
Paymaster Midshipman Leslie D. E. Needham and W. Penn-Gaskell

61 Killed, 23 Wounded
LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that five officers were killed and three wounded, and that 56 ratings were killed and 20 wounded on H.M.S. Exeter during the engagement with the Graf Spee.

Doctors Rush To Aid
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—It is learned that eight doctors have been sent to the Falkland Islands from the Argentine to attend to the wounded on H.M.S. Exeter.

The disabled cruiser has now arrived safely in the British naval base in the Falklands.

The extent of the damage to the ship has not been revealed.

LATEST

BRITONS GIVE THEIR LIVES

First Casualties On The Western Front

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—The first casualties in action of the British Expeditionary Force were announced to-night as a result of a clash between patrols in No Man's Land.

Only brief details are given of the incident in which a British raiding party, under an N.C.O., was attacked by German units.

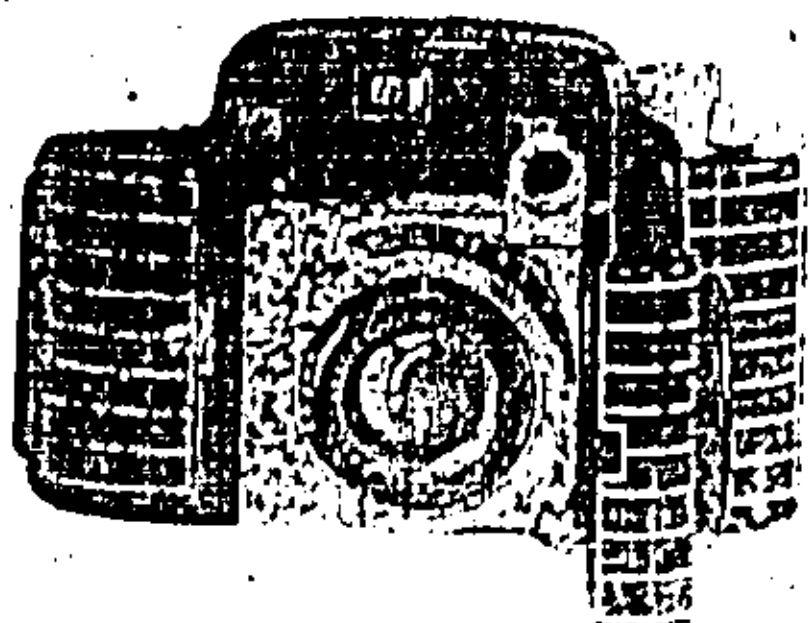
"There were casualties on both sides," the statement concludes.

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CHUNGKING AIR RAID

SHANGHAI, Dec. 18 (UP).—Communications with Chungking were cut off at 11.30 a.m., to-day, due to an air raid alarm being sounded.

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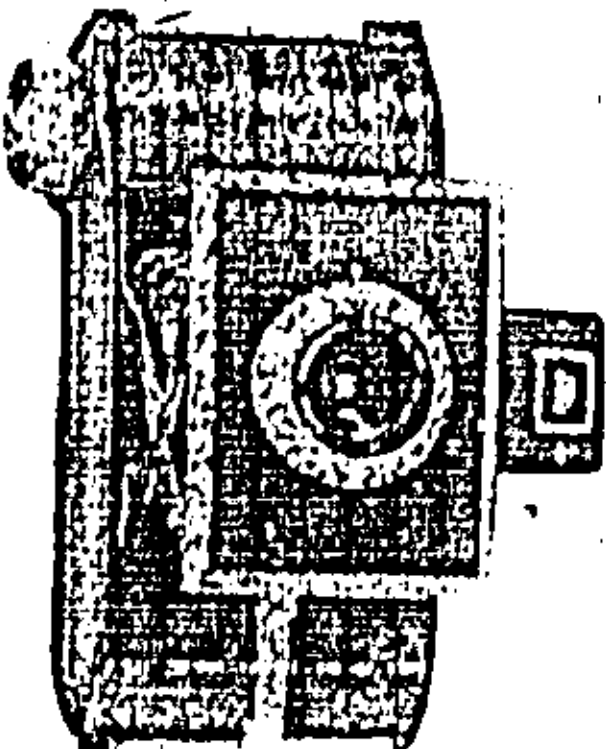


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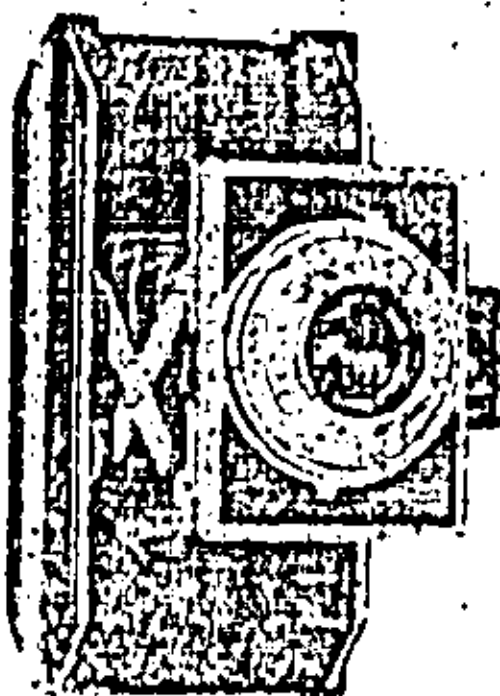
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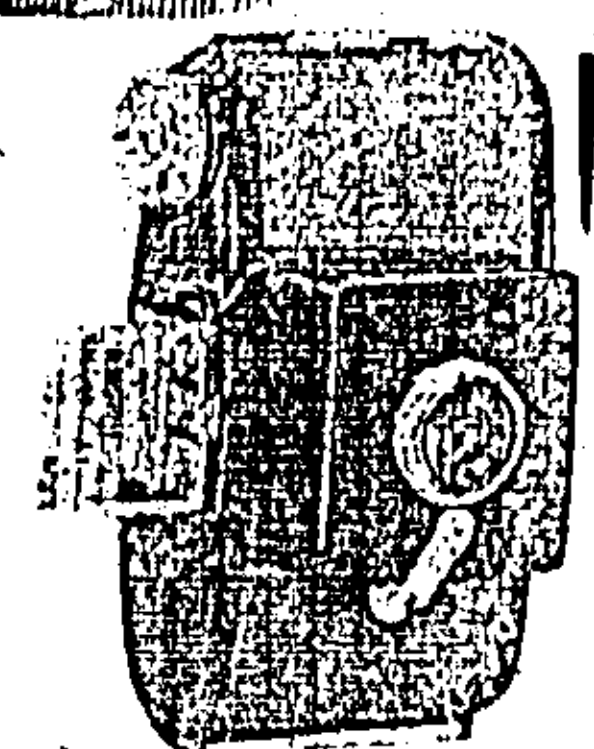
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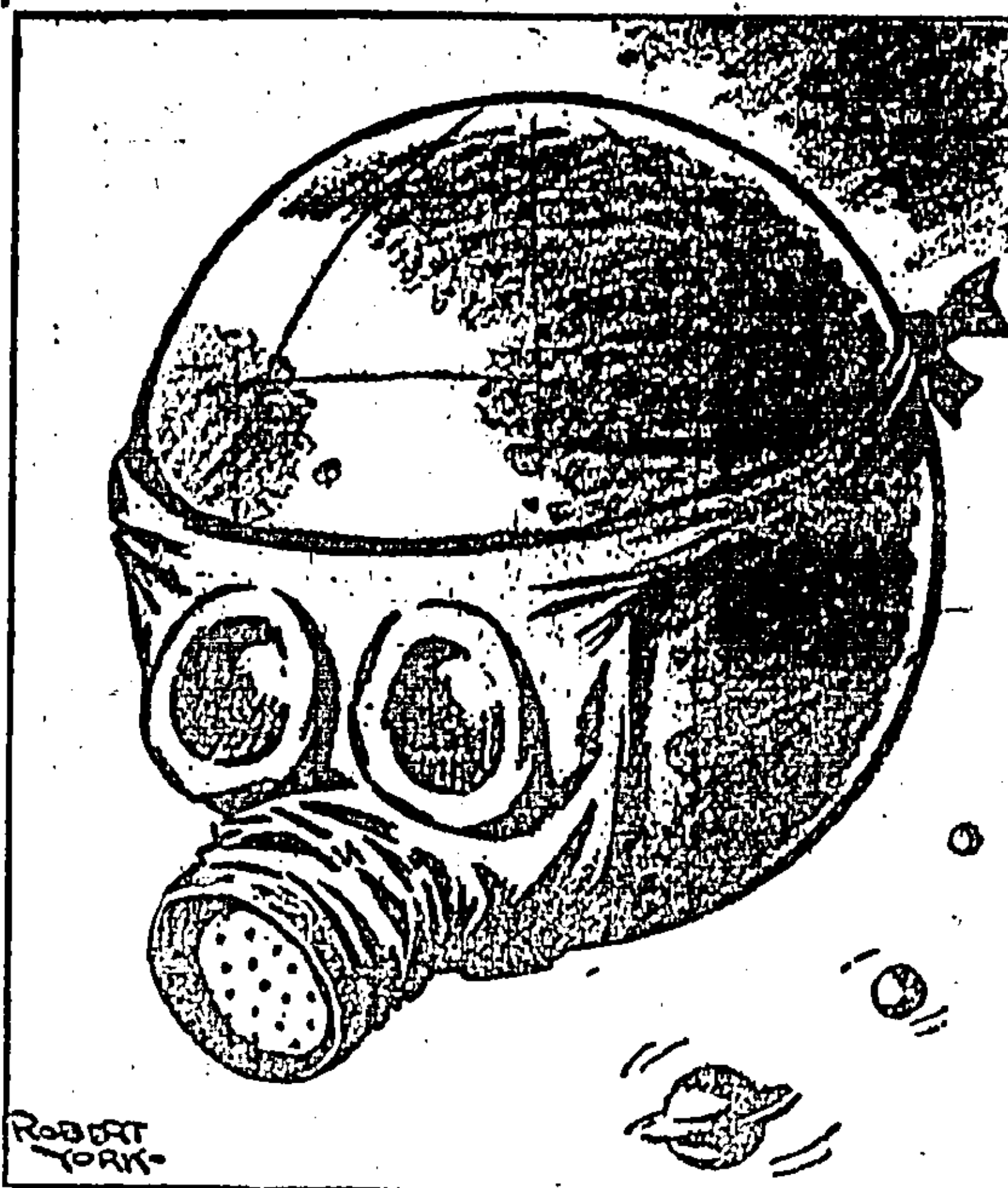
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ABSENCE OF RAIDS

WEIGHTY FACTS FOR GOERING

By Major F. A. de V. Robertson

LONDON.
One is constantly asked why there has hitherto been no whole-hearted air action by the bomber forces of either side. As regards our own reasons we cannot go beyond what the Prime Minister said in his broadcast recently. Our bomber force will be used at the proper time—that is to say, when it can be used with the greatest effect.
A bomber force is a sort of general reserve and is the most flexible of all arms. When a land battle is in progress its proper function is to attack the back areas of the enemy's army and hamper the moving up of reinforcement and munitions. It can at a moment's notice be switched over to attack factories and industrial areas. It can help the fleet, as the R.A.F. did when it raided Wilhelmshaven and badly damaged the Graf Spee, and as the Germans tried to do when they raided the Fleet of Brest.

Our own bomber force, already strong, grows stronger every day as the factories turn out more machines and the training schools turn out more crews. When the time comes to use it it will be a very formidable striking force.

The German Air Force
As for the Germans' abstention from mass attacks on Britain and France, one can only make conjectures. But it is remarkable that, whereas the German Navy has abandoned all the rules of civilized warfare, the German Air Force has hitherto scrupulously respected them—since the end of the Polish campaign, apart from the dropping of mines by parachute. There have been no attempts to bomb residential areas, and in the raids on convoys the bombs have almost certainly been aimed at the naval escort ships—quite legitimate targets—and not at the merchantmen.

It may be that the German authorities are fully alive to the vulnerability of their country. The Ruhr, for instance, on which about 60 per cent of German heavy industries are based, is very vulnerable; and it may be that so far the Germans have shrunk from provoking a great competition in bombing practice.

Inferior Equipment
They may conceivably also be restrained by tactical considerations. There is not the least doubt that in both bombers and fighters the German Air Force is less well equipped than the R.A.F. Taking bombers first, we have adopted the policy that bombers must be able to defend themselves, and, realising the difficulty of holding a machine-gun steadily in the rush of air at the present speeds of aircraft, we have fitted our bombers with gun turrets which are operated by the power of the engines, so that the gunner can swing his gun and himself in any direction without exertion.

The German bombers have not got power-operated turrets. They decided that bombers must rely on speed and evasion, and they have been proved wrong. They cannot beat off our fighters, while our bombers have frequently driven off German fighters and have sometimes shot them down.

In fighters also we have a clear advantage. Our eight-gun fighters have been a great success, greater even than we had hoped. The German fighters have only four guns. Moreover, since the French captured a Messerschmitt 109 and tested it in mock combat against their own machines we have learnt that it is a bad aeroplane. Both the Curtiss and the Morane proved their superiority to the Messerschmitt, and we know that the Hurricane is better than either of the French fighters. All these considerations may well give pause to Field Marshal Goering.

Exchange At A Glance

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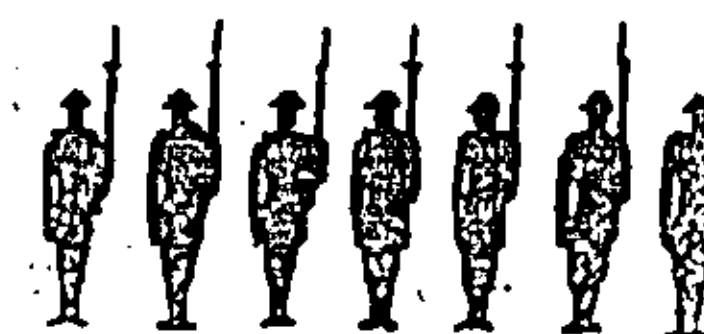
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Somewhere in France

SECRETS of the transport of the British Expeditionary Force—revealed by Mr. Horc-Belisha, Secretary for War, in the House of Commons.

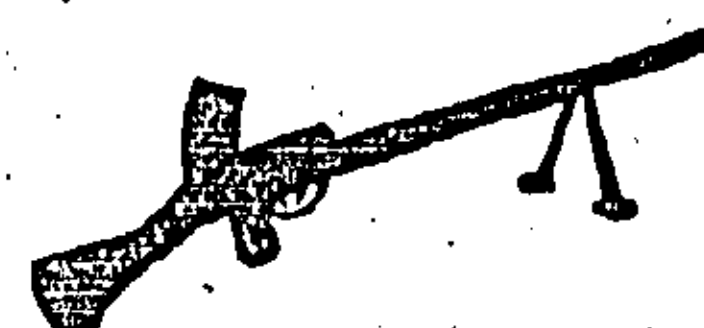


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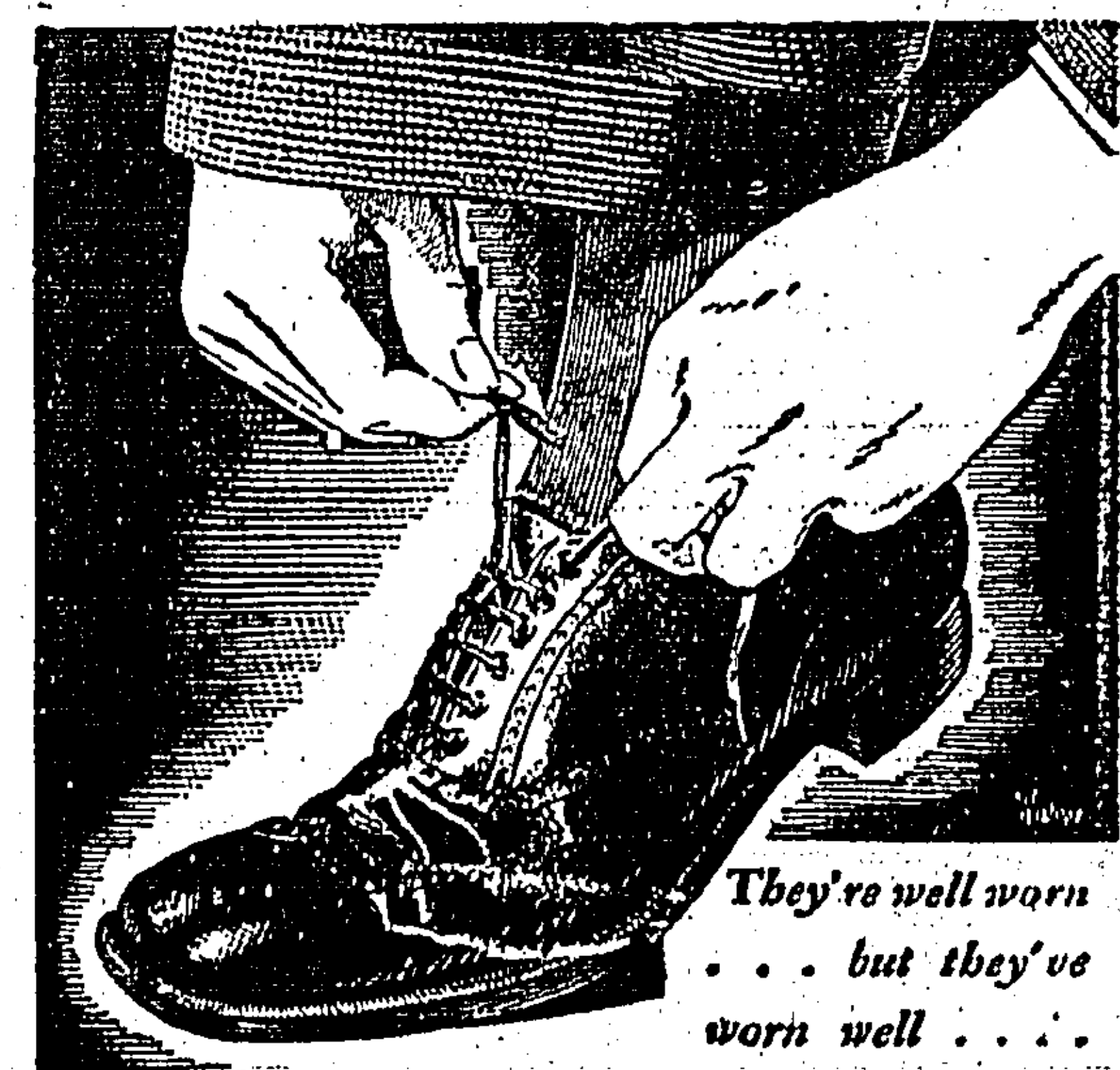
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RUSSIAN BEATEN-UP

Cowardly Assault By "Puppet" Police

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Dec. 17 (UP).—It is reported that Tatso police bent up a Russian Inspector of the Chinese General Omnibus Company this morning following an argument between him and two Chinese civilians who are alleged followers of Wang Ching-wei.

The civilians refused to remove their bicycles from the bus. They called the Tatso police when the Russian Inspector ordered their removal.

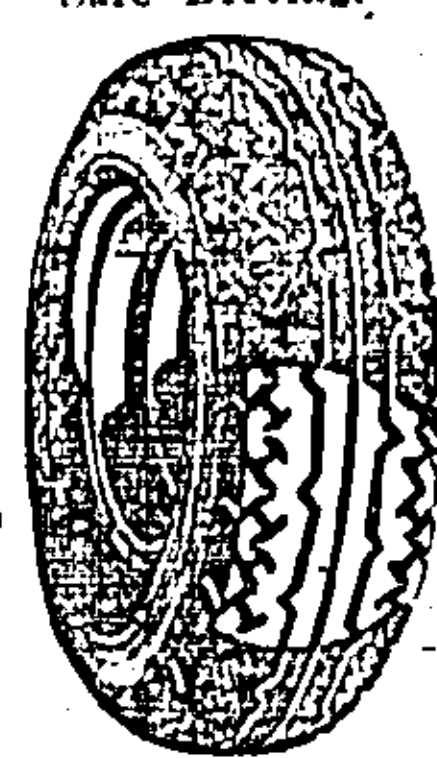
The Tatso police are reported to have bent up the Inspector and to have taken him to the police station where he was released at noon following intervention by the Municipal police.

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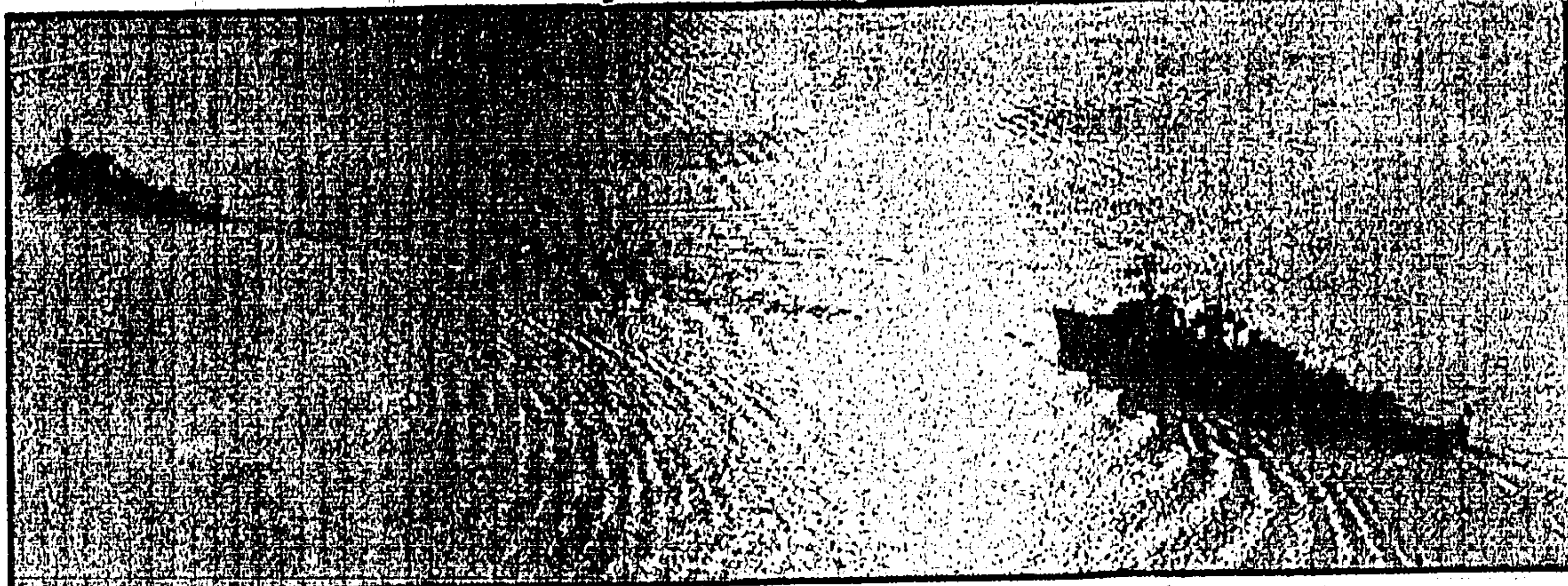
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Finns Destroy Soviet Army's Prestige NAZIS LOSE FAITH IN NEW ALLY: SWEDEN'S FEARS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 16 (UP).—Finland's stubborn resistance has dealt a severe blow to the prestige of the fabulous strength of the Soviet Russian armies. Throughout Europe, even in Germany, the reputation for invincibility of the huge Red military machine has been badly tarnished in the eyes of her neighbours.

By their valiant defence, the Finns have gone far to unmask the bugaboo and break the Russian steamroller. In one week, the tough little Finnish army has given the Red army reputation—a reputation enhanced by extreme secrecy—a distinct black eye.

This stubborn stand by the Finns against the colossal invader may have important political repercussions throughout Europe, and an effect on the future progress of the European war out of all proportion to the extent of this struggle.

On the Finnish aeroplane, on which I came from Sweden to Asbo, from my original base on the Western Front, I talked with a young Finn who had lived in Berlin. He was returning to join the Finnish Army.

Germany's Doubts
"He told me that the people of Germany are already beginning to ask themselves, 'What is this so-called great military power with

which we have allied ourselves, when little Finland can successfully resist? Maybe we didn't make such a good bargain after all in our pact with Russia."

He said the mass of people in Germany have been seized with apprehension about the encroachment of Russia in the Baltic. They feel that it is meant to be directed at and against Germany in the long run and will constitute a future menace to German security.

A Finnish girl travelled all the way from London on my plane to join the Finnish Women's Auxiliary Army. She was already dressed in high leather boots, and breeches, and hoped to go into service immediately.

80,000 Women War Workers

"We can work behind the lines which will release more men for service. Our organization numbers more than 80,000 women already. We do whatever work is necessary in order to put more men with rifles on the front line," she said.

At Asbo, workmen—were—busily boarding up windows as protection against bomb blasts. The streets were swarming with fine, smart-looking soldiers in long gray overcoats. In every town along the railroad from Asbo to Helsingfors, there was visible evidence of military preparations.

The train itself was on a regular schedule, faster than most trains in England these days.

War's Darkest Blackout

Upon arrival in Helsingfors, I found the most complete blackout I have ever experienced. There was scarcely a glimmer of light in the town which has been two-thirds evacuated. It was blacker even than London, which so far has held the "blackout" championship.

When I started to use my flashlight which I had used at the western front, an alert air warden immediately stopped me and gestured that the flash must be dimmed with fishing paper like his own.

Sweden's Apprehension
In Sweden I found great apprehension that the Soviets may attempt to drive through upper Finland and across Norway to secure ports on the Atlantic.

Besides the Finns who are flocking back from all over Europe to join the army, volunteers are coming in from all Scandinavian and Baltic States. On my plane were men from Estonia who had hidden in the engine-room of Estonian ships bound for Sweden. The Estonian captain had consented to hide them and keep their names off the passenger list in case of search by Soviet warships.

Kirov Out Of Action

They said they had seen in Tallinn the 26,000-ton Kirov, Russia's most modern and powerful cruiser, which had been damaged by Finnish coast artillery at Hangoe.

The Kirov's engine had been put out of commission by Finnish shells and it was reported that repairs might take many weeks.

Large numbers of volunteers were flocking in from Sweden. On my plane, one brought his own rifle wrapped in paper. Another brought his revolver.

Lunching at Asbo, I learned that the men at the next table were Swedes who had just arrived to volunteer for military service.

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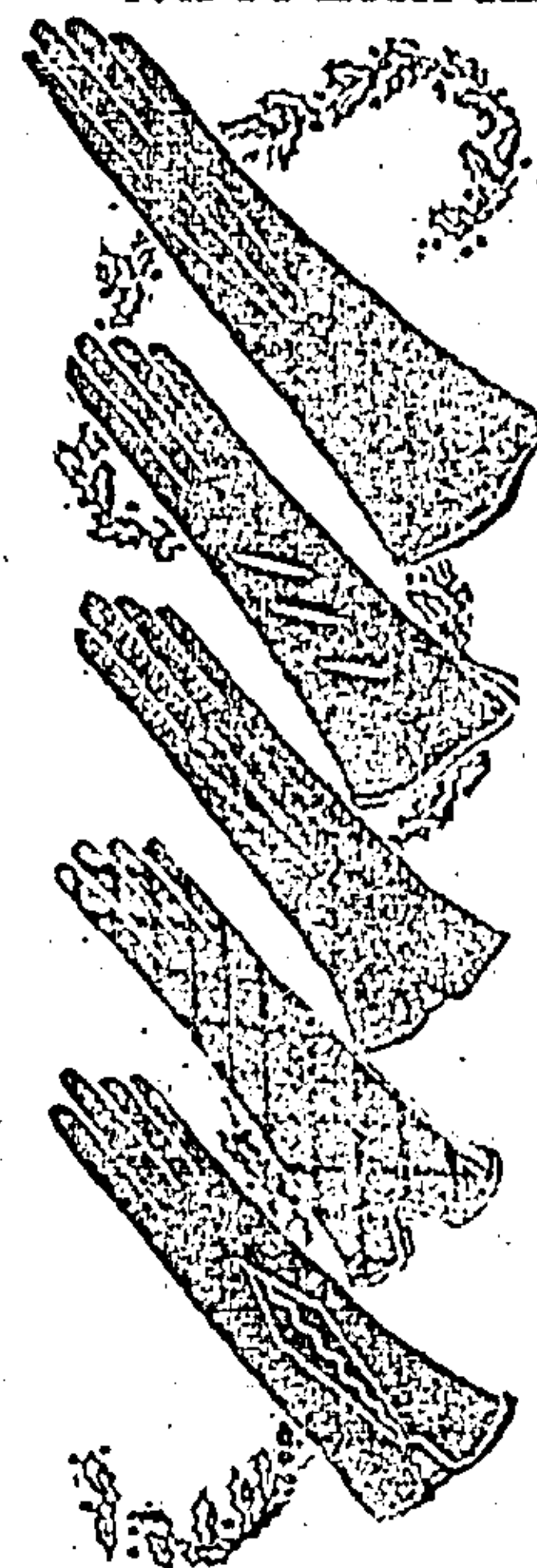


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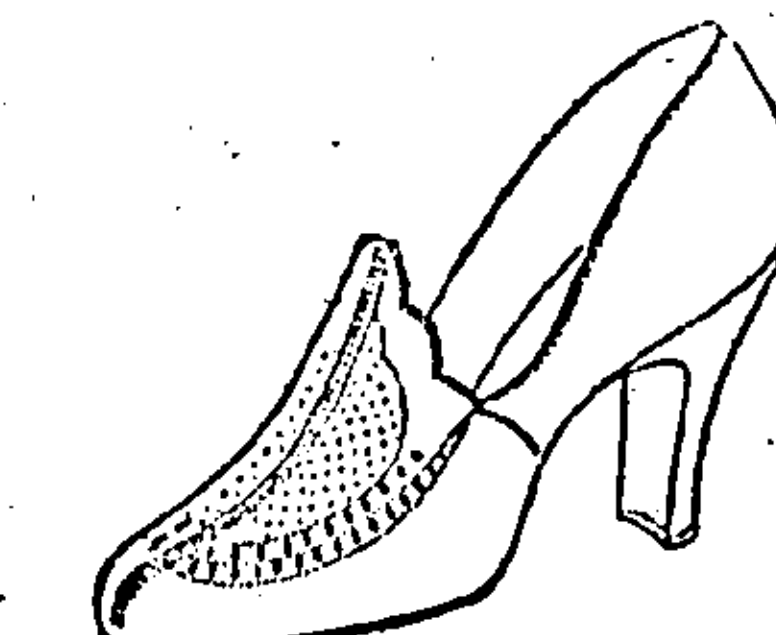
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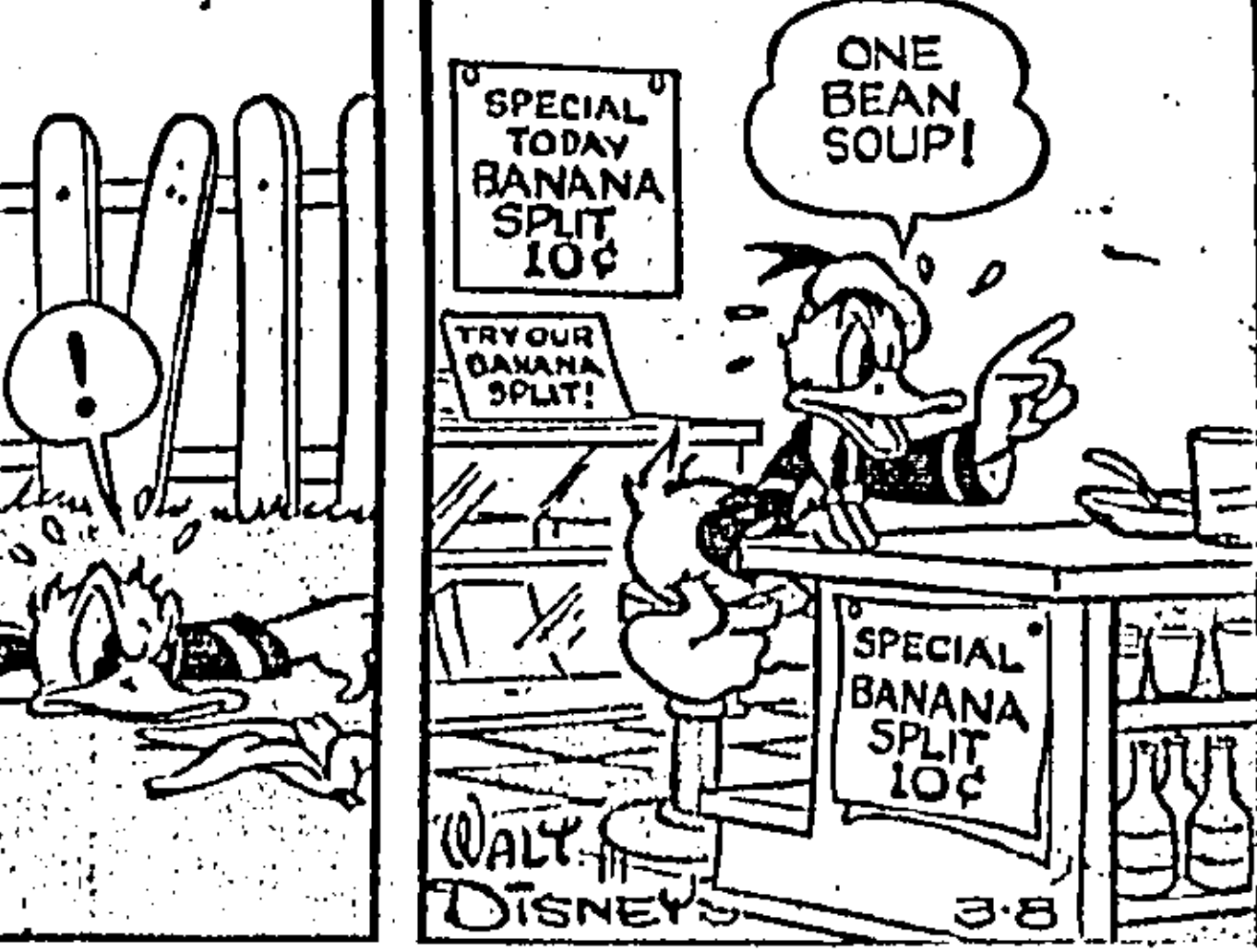
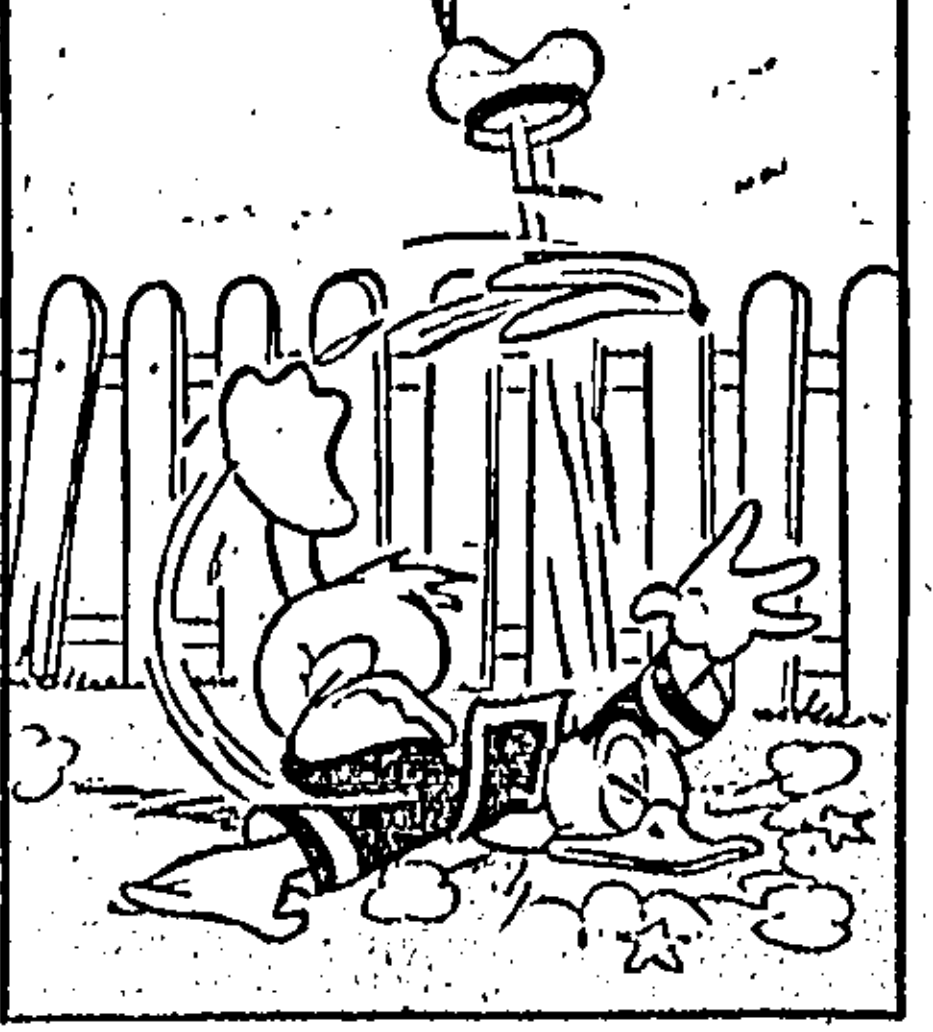
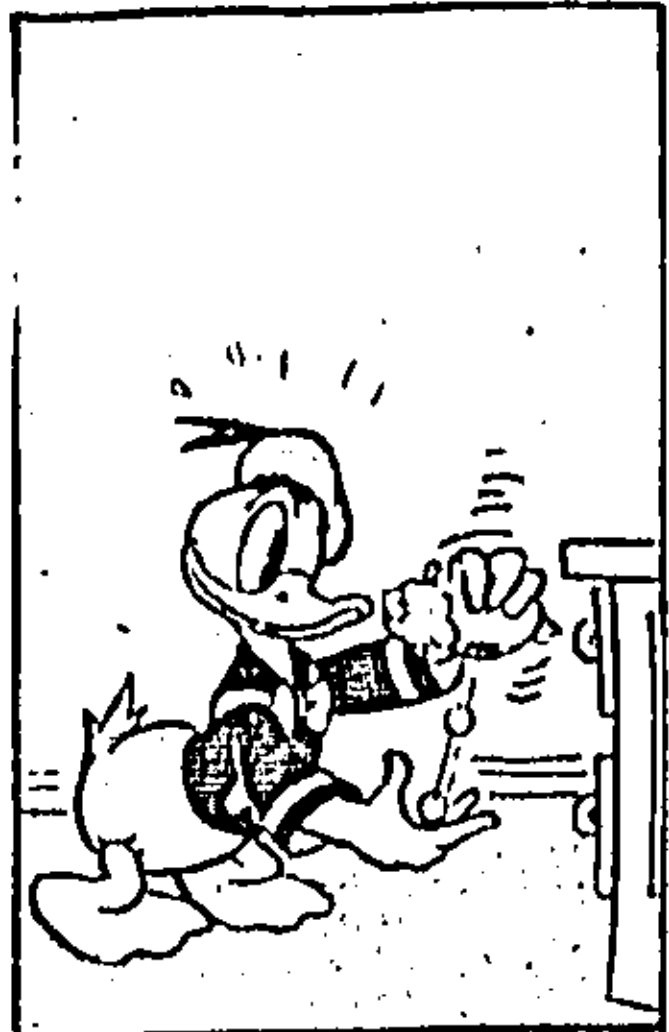


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FROM A ROME CORRESPONDENT

Rome. Europe entered the third month of the war with the Italian policy of non-belligerence more firmly established than ever. Peace time activities continue and the public settles down to carry on normal work. The much-discussed Cabinet changes have brought a number of newcomers from the non-political background into the limelight, while others whose sympathies are known to be strongly engaged are given other spheres of activity.

Interest in foreign affairs centres on two points—the Balkans and the Baltic. The Italo-Greek exchange of letters was made public. These letters give a more concrete form for the hope of intimate and fruitful collaboration. There is some speculation as to the reasons for publishing the letters at this particular moment. Obviously the exchange stresses Italy's known interest in seeing the Balkans keeping out of the war, and that is important in view of the reports from Germany that the Reich might be contemplating plans for bringing Balkan oil and copper within its own monetary field. It is too early to talk with confidence of a Balkan neutral bloc, but the materials are there, and no gains are being spared to assemble them.

Sympathy With Finland

The progress of Russia's invasion of Finland is watched intently here. Sympathy with Finland is accentuated by sincere dislike of Communism. That is encouraged by the Church, which is outspoken in condemnation of Russian methods. The "Osservatore Romano" devoted a column to exhortation.

There could hardly be surer signs of Italy's decision to continue her

present policy than the determination with which she has established plans for carrying it out. Construction works are going on steadily in Rome. New streets are linking up various parts of the city. The difficult underground line which will connect Rome's central station with the 1942 Exposition is halfway to completion. The work on the Exposition itself continues unchecked.

Further afield nothing is permitted to interfere with the ten-year Sicilian land reclamation scheme; and another convoy of 11,000 colonists crossed to Libya this week.

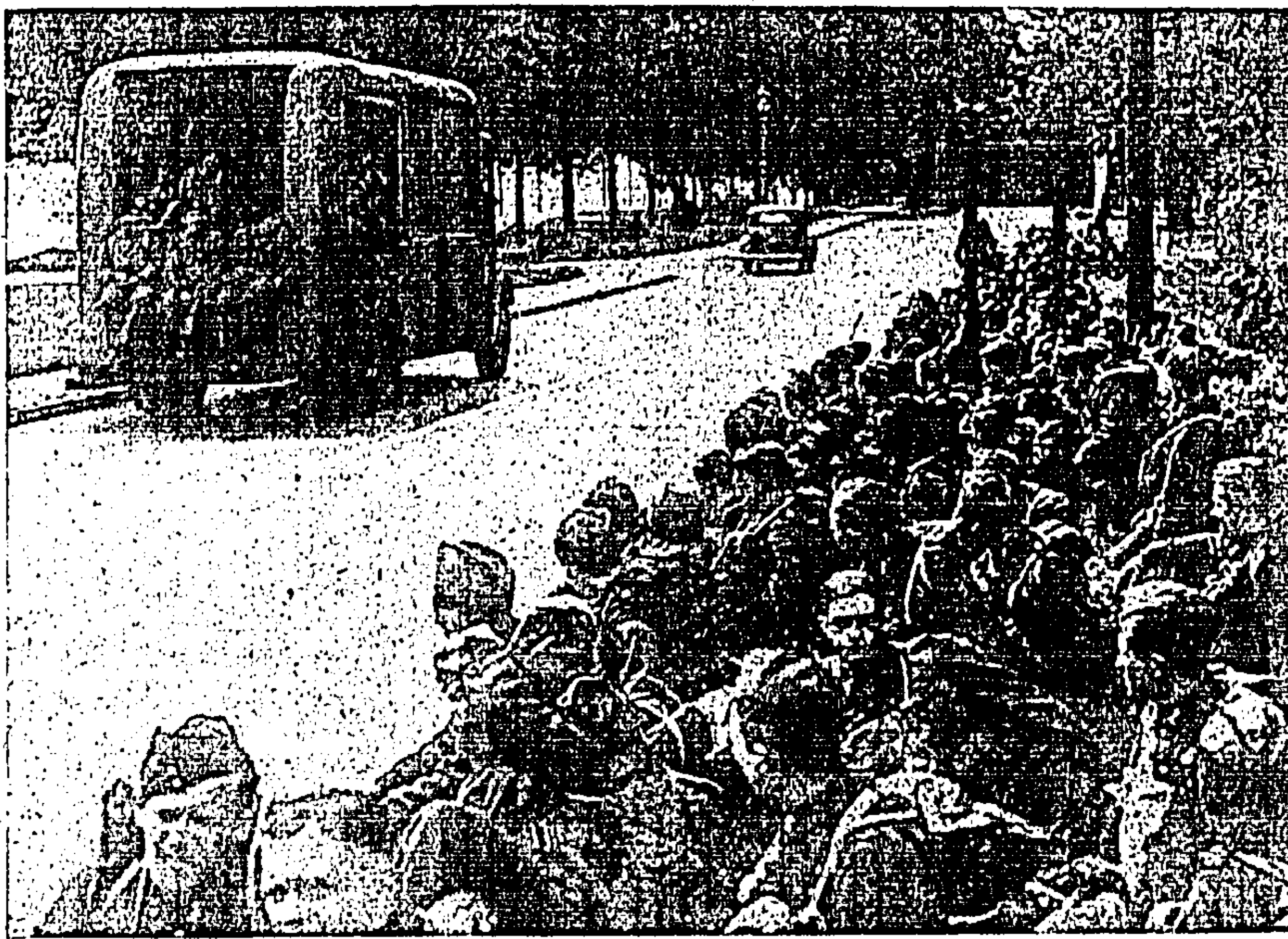
Rome has not quite returned to normal. There are still blue-dimmed lights interspersed with the regular street lights, although the headlights of buses are undimmed. Floodlighting of the great monuments of antiquity has recommenced, rather to the regret of many who had found new beauty in them under natural conditions.

The Food Situation

There is plenty of food, although Thursday and Friday are still meatless days, and meals at restaurants on other days comprise one meat course. Food prices are rising, and there is still no coffee. Bread is a bit greyish and hardens rapidly, but its virtues are appreciated in the light of comment by a neutral correspondent recently came to Rome from Berlin: his first remark at breakfast was "What beautiful bread!"

Public sentiment strongly supports the present Italian policy. Earlier hopes of a speedy end of the war have vanished, but there is complete confidence that the Duce will keep the country out of it.

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE



BOUND FOR THE FRONT.—Troops resting by the roadside and others in lorries, photographed before embarking for France.

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8.05. This week's programmes.
8.07. Studio—Jazz-Piano Recital by Doreen Ma.

1. Intro: Deep Purple; Jay Jay; And the Angels Sing. 2. "Worried Over You." 3. "I Look a Million Years." 4. "You're so Desirable." 5. "Poor Butterfly." 6. "Tea or Two."

8.25. Reel and Foxtrot at the Organ.
8.30. "Santastic Rhythm" Medley.
8.35. Parade Intro: Rosalie; Are you sincere; Thanks for the memory; The pretty little patchwork quilt; So many memories; You're a sweetheart.

8.35. Light Orchestral Concert with Ina Souz (Soprano) and Herbert E. Groh (Tenor).

An Excursion in The Vienna Woods (A medley, arr. M. Charlie, from melodies by Strauss) . . . The Great Symphony Orchestra with Chorus.

Love Everlasting (Crushing and Flinging); I Want Your Heart (Hoyt Wood); Ina Souz (Soprano) with Orchestra. Hungary (after original folk melodies arr. Jo Krumpholtz).

Budapest At Night (Hungarian Airs arr. von Betti-Pilinszky) . . . George Boulanger and His Orchestra.

Love You Bello Lucial (Lorenz-Muller-Schulte); You Lovely Ladies (Bund-Siegel) . . . Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Orch.

Come To The Ball (from "The Quaker Girl"—Monckton) . . . Orchestra Louise with Vocal Refrain by G. Fitzgibbon.

8.05. Studio—Comments on Recent Events.
9.15. London Relay—News Summary.
9.25. B.B.C. Recording—"The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse."

Music and words by Henry Reed. Production by David Porter.
9.55. John Goss (Baritone) and the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.

The Three Ravens (arr. Kennedy Scott); The Boatmen (Harris). One More Day; On The Banks of Sacramento (arr. Harris).
10.05. Medley with Jack Savary and His Cowboys, Murgatroyd and Winterbottom. Kiki and Doris Waters and Ralph Reader.

Vocal—Going Home; Tumbling Tumble Weeds . . . Jack Savary and His Cowboys. Humorous—About Crutches (Frankau-Handley-Crile); Art (Frankau and others) . . . Murgatroyd and Winterbottom with Monte Crile at the Piano. Comedienne—Gert, Daisy, A Piano—An

Soviet Reverses Continue
FINNS STUBBORNLY
HOLDING OUT

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—A communique issued to-day states that the advance continues slowly on the Tolvaajeri front.

All Soviet attacks on the Karelian Isthmus were repulsed and heavy losses were inflicted on the Russian battalions at Loimola.

It is semi-officially announced that 176 tanks were destroyed or captured since the war began.

Successful Resistance

PARIS, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—Latest news here regarding the progress of the war in Finland shows that the Finns are successfully resisting in the Karelian Isthmus.

Near Lake Ladoga the Soviet attacks were repulsed.

In the north, the Russians are making headway in their attempt to cut the country in two.

At least two Russian columns are active with this aim in view, and the opinion here is that they will be dangerous to the future of the Finnish defence if they continue to make the present headway.

No Important Gains

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—General Wallenius, commanding the Finnish forces in the north, told a correspondent of the "National Tidende" that the Russians, after 10 days of war, have obtained no object of military importance on that frontier.

The only gain of economic importance was Pitkaranta, north-east of Lake Ladoga, where are the big cellulose works.

The Russian strategy, he said, so far had consisted of steam-roller mass attacks regardless of tactics.

Appeal For World Help

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—Another appeal to the world for help was made by President Kyysti Kallio in a broadcast talk to the Finnish Army.

After greeting "the defenders of our independence," the President said that they see more active help than they had hitherto obtained. As their cause is the cause of the whole civilised world, they believed that civilised nations could not leave them to fight alone on this front.

"We don't deny that nearest to our hearts are our own homes, land, culture and our whole social system, and which we have become rooted and

which is now threatened with destruction.

"But it is through these values that we have been able to contribute our service to the world's culture. Therefore we dare to hope that these common principles of justice will also be commonly defended."

Madame Kallio also addressed the nation.

Russian Attacks Repulsed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—HELSINGFORS, Dec. 17 (UP).—An official communique states that following very heavy bombardments the Russian troops launched three successive waves of attacks against the Mannerheim Line at three different places. They were everywhere repulsed.

The announcement said that in one small segment alone 30 Russian tanks have been destroyed in the past two days. They include two 30-ton tanks.

Reds Routed

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—Finnish troops north of Lake Ladoga to-day routed a large force of the Red Army which retreated in disorder.

The Red Army keeps up its mass infantry assaults on the Mannerheim Line without success, and this afternoon, following intense artillery preparation, a violent attack was launched in which their casualties are estimated at over 3,000.

In the extreme north, according to an official bulletin, the enemy has made no important gains since Saturday.

The Finnish air force has been active on all fronts, bombing Soviet concentrations and columns of mechanised units.

Russian Communique

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—MOSCOW, Dec. 18 (UP).—To-day's communique says the Russian troops advanced 75 kilometres south of Petsamo.

They have occupied the town of Kursk and have advanced 132 kilometres west of the frontier. There were some artillery duels.



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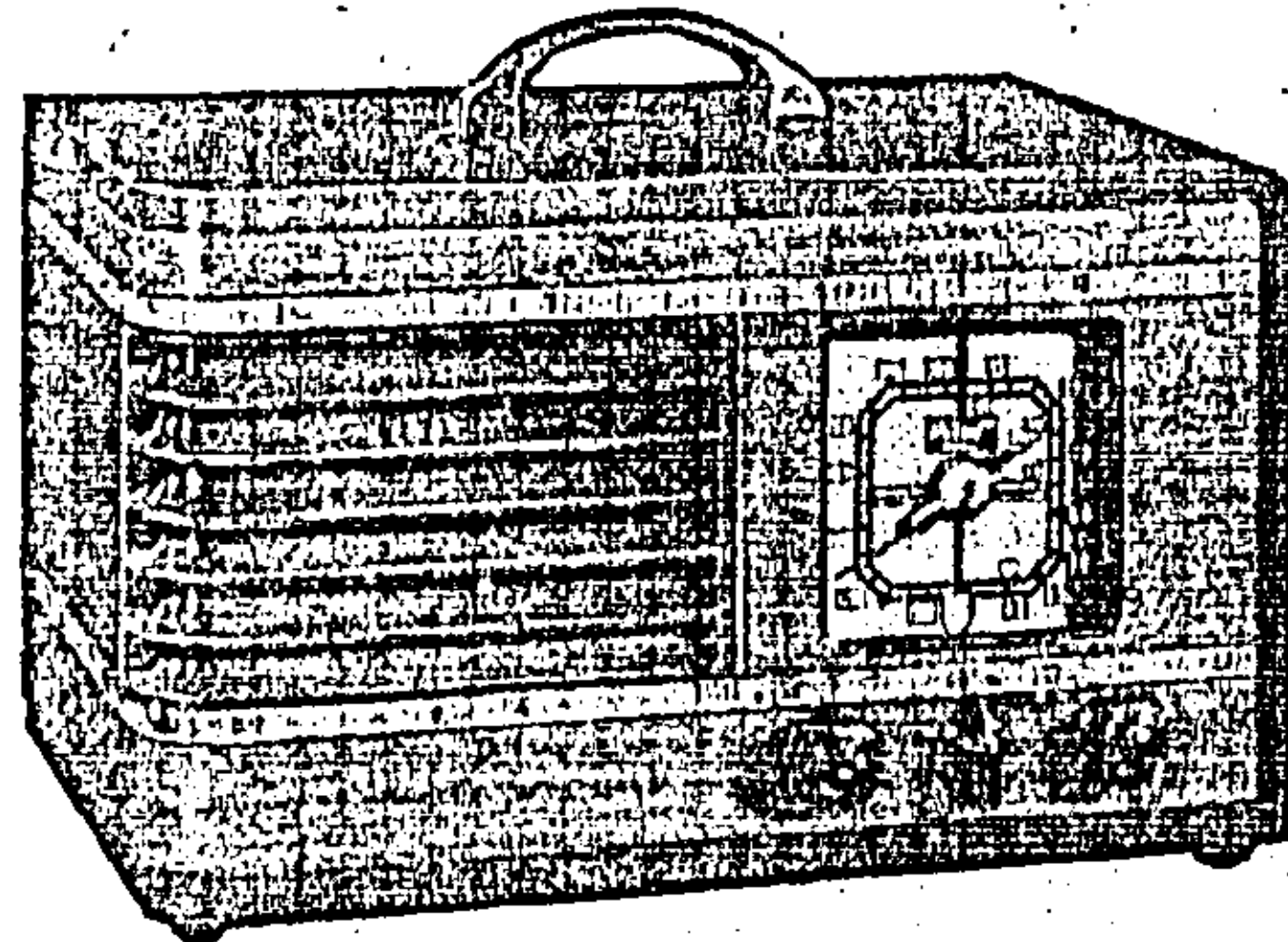
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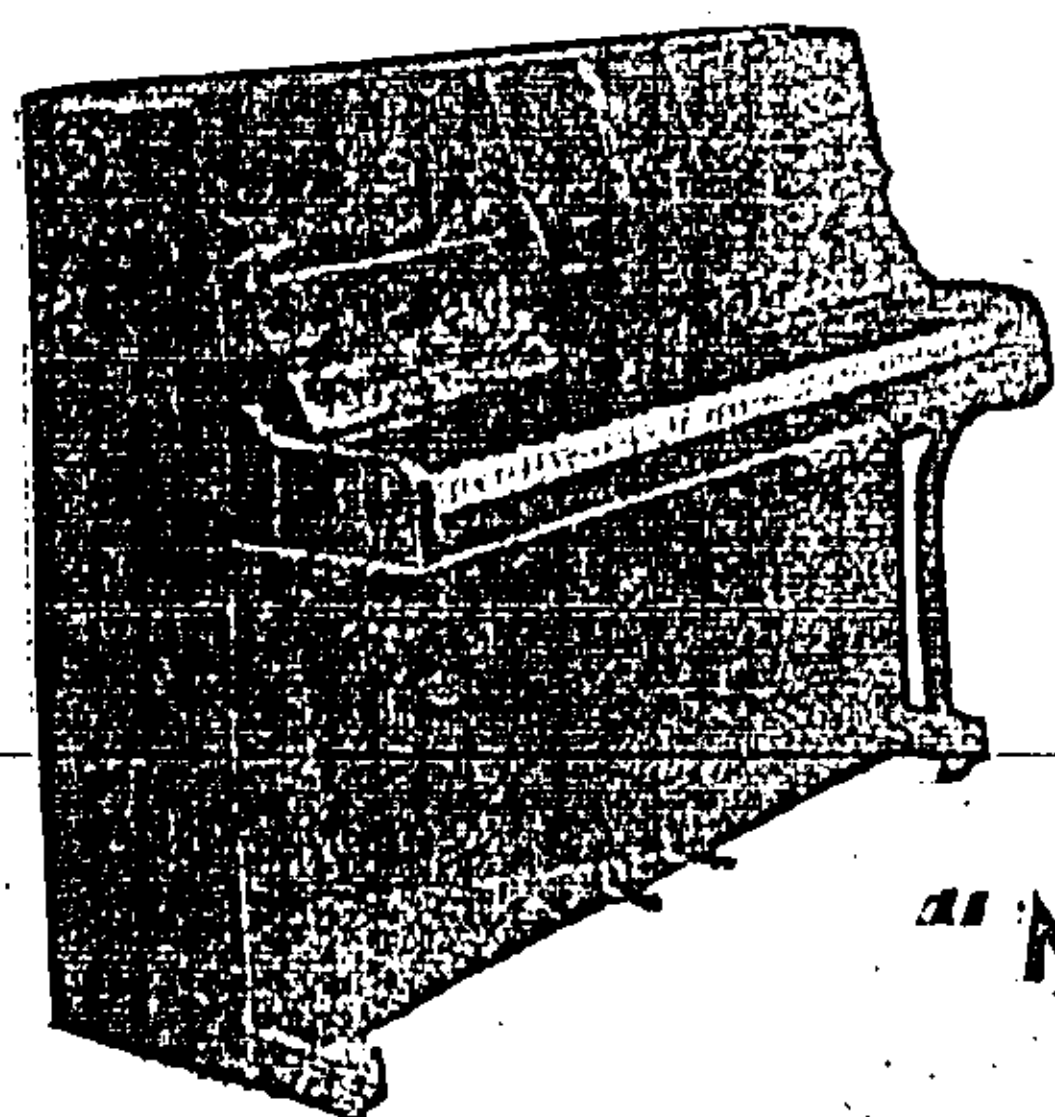


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Battle Of Babel

A WAR as significant as that being fought on the Western Front is being waged on the wireless. It is literally a war of words, and in the end its effects may be even more profound than those of the battles fought on land, on sea, and in the air.

From Britain come the voices of its announcers, calm, cultured, unemotional—perhaps too much so, say some critics—telling the unvarnished truth to the world. From German stations the world hears the impassioned, theatrical tones of the Nazi announcers, so anxious to make Germany look innocent before the condemning world court that they deny allegations even before they are made against them. And, perhaps most significant of all, the "German Freedom Station," calling upon the German people to overthrow the tyrants who are repressing them.

Every warring nation is mobilising its wireless propaganda resources as rapidly as it is its industrial assets to carry on the war. From Britain is broadcast the truth in many languages and with perfect accent. In this respect the Allies have many advantages, for from France German Socialists, exiled Austrians, and Czechs who have been lucky enough to escape from the clutches of Hitler and the Gestapo are telling their people the truth about this war of aggression.

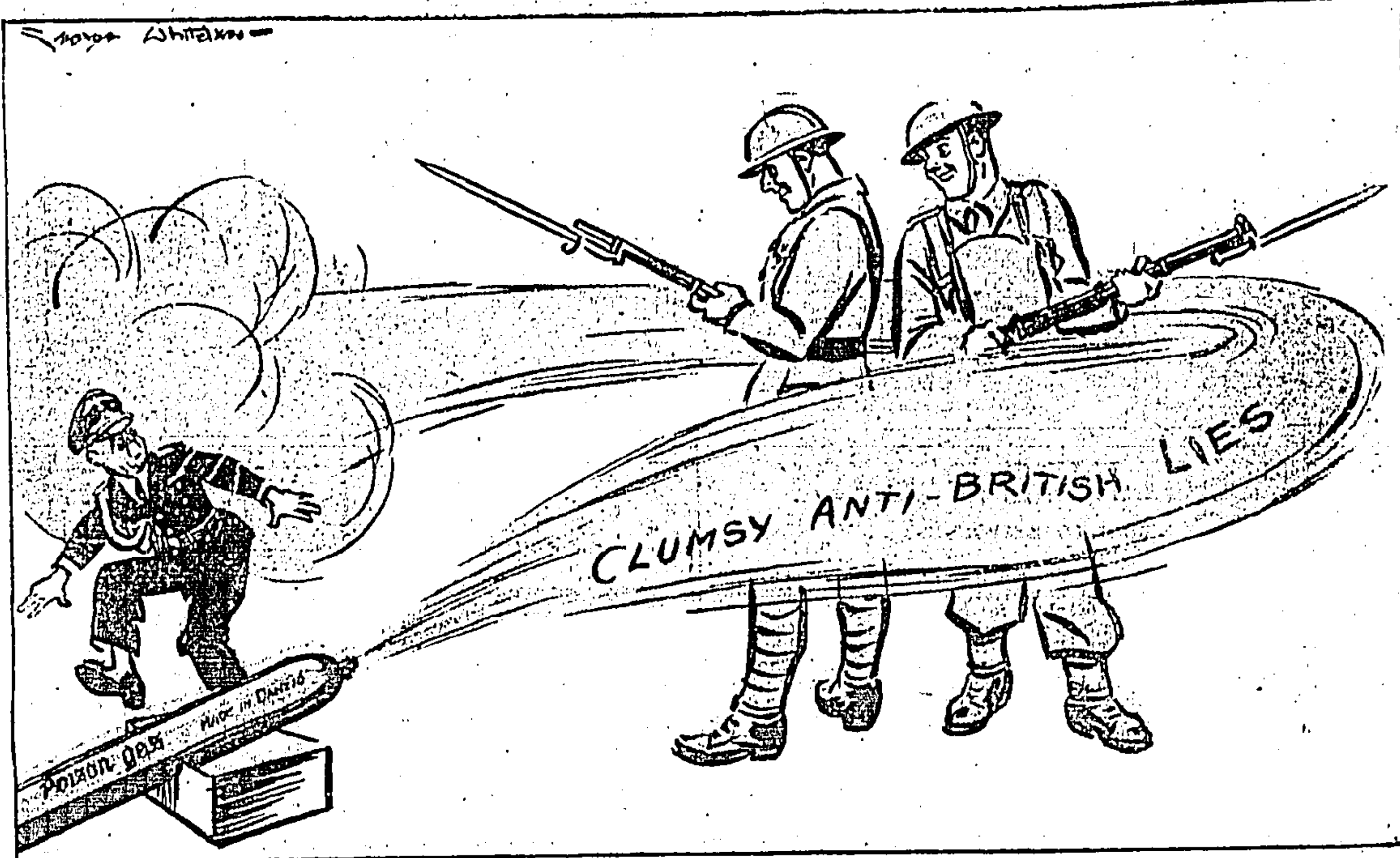
It has been suggested that Britain should employ more and more of these speakers, and get some of them to write messages for propaganda leaflets. Among these exiles are some of the most brilliant, scientific and literary men of post-war Germany.

Without a doubt the most remarkable station at present adding its quota to the war of the wireless is the "German Freedom Station," which so far has defied its enemies. Those who risk their lives to get over the truth to the German people in this way are heroes of the first water. If caught, death would be their reward.

Not long ago an opponent of the Nazi regime began broadcasting similar messages from a forest just over the Czech-Slovakian border. It was just previous to the time when Hitler's legions occupied the country. One night three fanatical young Nazis, together with a woman, dashed across the frontier in a powerful car, murdered the announcer, and managed to get back into Germany. No steps were taken to arrest the criminals.

"Put an end to the senseless and criminal war into which we have been plunged by Hitler. Soldiers do not fight at the front, but direct your arms against the culprits."

The voice is drowned by deliberate interference, but it comes again. "Workers, every gun you make in the factories will help prolong the war. Sabotage the production of arms and you will help our fight for freedom, dignity and peace."



VON RIBBENFLOP!

But I still like a bit of comfort

by Stuart Fletcher

I SCANDALISED a policeman the other day. It was in Oxford Circus. I was carrying a suitcase which, whatever any mathematician likes to say, weighed five tons. I asked the policeman for the nearest cloakroom.

At Paddington Station, he told me. "Oh dear," I said, with commendable moderation. "What a nuisance this war is!" The policeman stiffened visibly. "Sir," he reproved me, "there is a great many what is suffering worse than that."

How true, yes, for every single person who is being bombed or bayoneted or enduring trench fever and all the other idiotic atrocities of war, there must be thousands who are going round saying "Oh dear," or words to that effect, because their little private comforts are being interfered with.

Yet, there's something about this war. . . . I was talking a day or two ago with a Polish airman who was one of the very last people to escape from devastated Warsaw.

He was in seventeen Warsaw air-raids, and this is what struck him most. Two types of gas-masks were issued to the public—a bag-pipe-looking military type claimed to be very efficient, and a more old-fashioned kind solidly fashioned of wood.

At first everyone tried to get the better kind, but after a few raids it was the solid type of gas-mask which people were after. And do you know why? Because they could sit on them! They wanted a bit of comfort even at the death.

EVERYBODY likes a bit of creature comfort. That's why I like our barrage balloons. They look so happy, so prosperous, so distended with the kind of well-being that afflicts elderly gentlemen after a good lunch.

As they race a little helplessly in the breeze they inspire the same sort of affectionate toleration that we all feel for the amiable drunkard.

Walking in Hyde Park the other evening enjoying the miraculous twilight which, in peace-time, London's street lights completely ruin, I was startled but not surprised to read a neat little notice fixed into the ground near a captive balloon.

It had been printed in bold ink-strokes on a white oblong of cardboard, and it read: "The public is requested not to feed the Blimps."

That made me happy for a whole evening, and I went back to my big empty house, where the silence and the darkness are far more oppressive than the most outrageous noises made in peace-time by my singularly lively daughters, feeling that the war (on the civilian front) had its compensations.

Someone else, a little previously perhaps, had prophesied quite accurately, had fixed a similar notice to one of the air-raid dug-outs in the Park. This one read: "House Full."

I MISS my evacuated family a lot.

One of the joys of family life is coming down into to breakfast. It is led up to by a whole chain of anticipatory delights—the clatter of other people getting up while you blissfully lie on in a half-dozed; the violent entry into your bed of a three-year-old morsel of humanity who pulls your hair and

informs you with manifest untruth that she caught a rabbit yesterday; then titivating odour which creeps upstairs like St Anthony's temptresses; then the jingle of spoons and forks; then the final descent to a family which has long since given up being scandalised and is actually glad that you are only as late as you are and no later.

But coming down late to breakfast that you have got to cook yourself in awful. I've given up breakfast.

I've invented a theory that breakfast is an unnecessary meal that people eat too much, and that eating till lunch-time produces a sane mind in a sound body.

But I get awfully hungry about ten o'clock.

MY family with that peculiar lack of discrimination which you meet in young children and old ladies misses me too.

My eldest daughter who, at the age of nine, has started thinking things out a bit was puzzled the other day because near her evacuation spot she saw some children complete with father.

Why couldn't she have her Daddy too, she wanted to know. I was explained that this Daddy, happened to earn his living in the country while her own had to win his (and her) bread in London.

"I know," she said, solving the problem instantly. "He must come and work down here. The Co-op—I saw a notice in their window—want an errand-boy." So if my name disappears from this paper you'll know what's happened. The pull of family comfort will have proved too strong for me and I shall have gone off to be an errand-boy.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I do miss Wilbur since we broke our engagement—I keep thinking of things to say to him that would burn him up!"

Hitler's Long Knife

I F I set out to choose a villain for a "penny dreadful," I would pick on Dr. Frank, Nazi Reich Minister of Justice, who has just been appointed Governor-General for the Polish territories occupied by Germany.

The man who will now administer Hitler's terror over the Poles is the ideal combination of Prussian impudence and American gangsterdom, which make up Nazism.

This is not a far-fetched comparison because Dr. Frank started out as a criminal lawyer in Berlin's East End. Only when the Nazi party in its most riotous period provided most of the murderers, law-breakers, and plain gangsters in pre-Hitler Germany did young Dr. Frank switch over to politics.

He specialised in political murders and other crimes committed by members of the Nazi party. Frank defended his Nazi clients very ably. He is a good orator, and he has a certain personal appeal. Immaculately dressed, clean-shaven, with straight, dark hair brushed back, he looks "almost a gentleman."

When Hitler came into power Frank was first made Commissioner for Justice in Bavaria, and later Bavarian Minister of Justice. Soon he gained for himself a reputation as the first Nazi leader to shock the world.

That was when the Reichstag, under Hitler, still contained Socialist M.P.s. During a debate, Frank, preferring force to argument, thrust President Loeb, one of Germany's most distinguished Parliamentarians, from his seat and took his place. The scene created a sensation.

Then Frank ventured out into the field of international politics. To the Austrian Government was then engaged in a deadly struggle, he sent out messages of encouragement. Next he decided to go to Vienna himself.

The Austrian Government, through its Ambassador, explained in Berlin that Frank's visit would not be appreciated, and politely asked whether the turbulent Nazi Minister could not stay at home.

But that did not stop Frank. I shall never forget the hour of his arrival. The Austrian Nazis decided on a demonstration of welcome. The Austrian Government, on the other hand, had prepared a different reception for Frank.

As soon as he stepped from his plane at the Vienna aerodrome, a high Austrian police official met him and expressed to him the Austrian Government's opinion that "his visit was highly unwelcome and was regarded as very inopportune."

Frank blushed; then all colour left his face. But he rallied, and with an angry gesture stepped to his car. Since that day he has been used by Hitler as an agent provocateur. He sent out messages to illegal Nazi parties everywhere. He threatened Governments of weak States with Hitler—or destruction.

He coined the phrase of the "long knife," with which Jews and other enemies of Nazism were to be killed. Since then he has been known as the "Long Knife" of the Nazi Party.

It goes without saying that 1938-39, the "Nazi Year of Action," found him prominent in the international field. Again he attended various Congresses, first in Sudetenland, then in Danzig. On both occasions he was provocative, rude. Everywhere he encouraged the Nazi rebels.

He made his last speech in Zoppot, in Danzig territory. "Poland is lost," he said. I am afraid it is while Dr. Frank is Hitler's Governor there.

WILLI FRISCHAUER

Chinese Troops Instigate Ambitious Offensive

SEEK TO DISLOCATE THE YANGTSE RIVER

Company Meeting

\$7,000 LOSS IN PROFIT
But Company Pays Good Dividend

Owing to a reduction in the number of units sold for lighting, the profit of the Sandakan Light and Power Company (1932) Ltd. had fallen \$7,197.52 as compared with the previous year, the chairman, the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields said at the annual meeting to-day.

The profit for the year ended June 30 was \$61,375.27 as compared with \$68,572.70 for the previous year, he said.

Those present at the meeting were Messrs. J. P. Braga and S. M. Churn (Directors), H. A. Botelho, (Secretary), and N. V. A. Croucher, H. Dreyer, H. P. Bailey, F. J. Travares, J. P. Pereira, K. C. Mark, S. M. Bander (for Mrs. Amy Bander), and B. C. Travadia (Shareholders).

Chairman's Speech

The Chairman said: The decrease in lighting units was partly offset by an increase in power units sold but the percentage of profit per unit overall was considerably reduced. The reason for the reduced demand for lighting and I am glad to report that there has been an improvement since the close of the financial year.

A number of tubes in the Nos. 1 and 2 boilers have been renewed. This expenditure has been charged to the account now before you and the Manager and Resident Engineer reports that the plant is in sound working order and the buildings have been kept in good repair.

Profit Allocation

The Accounts, I think, call for little comment from the Chair. Depreciation has been provided on the usual basis on buildings, plant and machinery and suitable provision has been made for obsolescence and depreciation on sundry equipment as recommended by the Resident Engineer.

I beg to propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and passed, and that the sum of \$75,200.97 be appropriated as follows:—

Plant Reserve \$10,000.00, Superannuation Fund \$5,000.00, Pay a Dividend of 75 cents per share on 50,000 shares \$37,500.00, Carry forward to the credit of Profit and Loss A/c. for next year \$22,700.97.

The adoption of the accounts was seconded by Mr. N. V. A. Croucher. The re-election of the directors, Messrs. J. P. Braga and S. M. Churn, was proposed by Mr. K. C. Mark.

The re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming as auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$350 per annum was proposed by Mr. H. Dreyer and seconded by Mr. B. C. Travadia.

Rice Riot In Shanghai

Quelled After Loss Of 20 Bags Of Rice

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" SHANGHAI, Dec. 17 (UP).—One minor riot occurred in French Concession this afternoon in the course of which the rioters seized twenty bags of rice.

The riot was quickly quelled and there were no further disturbances during the day.

Due to last week's rice riots, most of the Shanghai rice shops closed their doors to-day, but served customers through a small hole in the doorway.

The driver, Wong Hong, later reported to the Police that he swerved to avoid a man, and in doing so, hit the side of a pillar.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WELL-INFORMED circles in Chungking say that an effort to disrupt Japanese naval and military transportation along the Yangtse River is the main phase of the Chinese winter offensive, according to a "United Press" message from the capital.

The Chinese aim is to disrupt the naval transportation along the river below Yuchow and up to Shanghai. And besides destroying highways, railways, bridges and telegraph lines, the Chinese military officials, for the first time, are attempting a thorough interruption of Japanese military transportation along the entire Yangtse, which is now under occupation.

Most Audacious Thief In H.K.

This month's most audacious thief in Hongkong is a man who calmly walked aboard one of the British warships in the Naval Dockyard and prised open a drawer in Lieut. Horn-castle's cabin.

He managed to escape with \$161.

The affair has been reported to the civil police, who are now investigating.

R. A. F. Attack On Sylt

Nazi Plane Sinks British Steamer

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERLIN, Dec. 17 (UP).—It is announced that British bombing planes attacked the islands of Norderney and Sylt last night. A number of bombs were dropped.

Informed circles in London confirmed the above report and state that it was a "routine nightly occurrence."

German Plane Doomed

Eye-witnesses at an east coast port said they saw an R.A.F. plane down one of two German planes which had bombed, machine-gunned and sunk the steamer Seren. The Admiralty said: "The R.A.F. engaged the enemy and pursued them out to sea. Anti-aircraft guns opened fire for a short time in the Humber district."

Seaplane Base Bombed

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—Royal Air Force planes paid another visit to Helgoland light to-day and bombed a German seaplane base at Borkum.

HITLER FOOLING HIS PEOPLE

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—In an editorial dealing with the effects of the British blockade, the "New York Times" says that the great levelling process in Germany is beginning to seem more and more like Soviet economy.

In both countries, the Governments offer their people "pie in the sky" but lay all present emphasis upon the necessity for lightening one's belt.

Bus Hits Pillar

A bus was involved in an accident while travelling along Shanghai Street yesterday, when two of the passengers were slightly injured and sent to the Kowloon hospital for treatment.

The driver, Wong Hong, later reported to the Police that he swerved to avoid a man, and in doing so, hit the side of a pillar.

The bus was only slightly damaged.

British Pilots Await New Calls To Duty

BITTER AERIAL WARFARE LIKELY

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—Britain's air arm in France is hastening preparations for a hard winter, says "Reuter's" special correspondent with the R.A.F. in France.

The season shows every promise of being bitterly cold, on the West Front, and it may well be one of bitter aerial warfare as well.

Air Minister's Warning

In view of its proximity to Germany, which is within easy striking distance, the air force expects to have a big share to what Sir Kingsley Wood called another and "more strenuous" winter.

It is stated that the ambition of the Chinese is to cut off the Japanese garrisons in the Yangtse cities and to isolate the sections from one another.

At present the main Chinese attacks on the Japanese Yangtse transportation are to be seen in East Hupeh near the defunct Chinese river fortresses at Tien-chiachen and South Anhwei.

Transport Impeded

For many months now, the Chinese have been able to cause a complete suspension of river transportation by the Japanese at night.

Besides sinking a Japanese transport near Kiukiang on December 12, Chinese troops in South Anhwei yesterday unfolded a front 100 kilometres long for an offensive on the river towns opposite Anking, the capital of the province.

The present front line stretches from Tunglu, near the Kiangsi border, up to Tungling on the southern shore of the river between Anking and Wuhu.

The present objective of the Chinese attack is Kweichow, 40 miles north-west of Anking, on the opposite side of the river.

Deying Bombardment

All of these offensives against Tien-chiachen, Hupeh and Kweichow in Anhwei are aimed at the complete suspension of the Japanese river transportation line.

Besides the Chinese troops in the Wuhu-Nanking section, the Chinese section is also being utilized to cut transportation along the river.

Another "United Press" report says that Chinese troops are now deying a Japanese naval bombardment of retaliation and are attacking Japanese-occupied Yangtse river towns in East Hupeh and South Anhwei, aiming to cut off the Japanese garrisons in the Hankow, Nanchang and Nanking sections.

There are also disrupting transportation in general on the entire Yangtse River from Shanghai to Yochow.

Offensive Continues

Of the general fighting, Chinese field dispatches indicate that the Chinese forces which are vigorously continuing their offensive operations have regained additional positions in Kiangsi, Hupeh and Honan.

It is stated that at Yunglung, along the Hankow-Huangpi highway, the Chinese successfully repulsed a Japanese counter-attack on Huang-chiachen in the Wamiao-chi sector, which was retaken by the Chinese.

In the Chungshiang area, the Chinese killed one Japanese company commander and 100 soldiers near Yangsechen, north-east of Chungshiang, while along the lower reaches of the Han River the Chinese attacked Liching from where the defeated Japanese fell back to Chienkiang, which is now being attacked.

Meanwhile a message from Fancheng says that the Chinese have re-occupied Kuchengpan, north-west of Yingshan, which is a northern Hupeh town.

Another Chinese report claims that as a result of a daylong attack on Tungshu, 40 kilometres south of Kai-fong, the Chinese re-occupied the town on December 10 and cleared the suburban town of Japanese troops.

"Domel" Reports

Forecasting the so-called Chinese "winter offensive," says a "Domel" report, Japanese troops in the Han River area launched fresh offensive actions and routed losses. Up to yesterday, the report claims, 940 Chinese dead had been abandoned, while many prisoners have been taken.

Japanese Army aircraft carried out an intensive bombardment of the Chinese troops concentrating in the Han River area in Hupeh, near the Tientsin-Hankow Railway zone and Tsinchuan in Anhwei.

Another "Domel" report from Taiyuan states that following the recent mop-up operations in the Chung-tiao Mountain Range, Japanese troops on Friday opened a fresh offensive against about 30,000 Chinese troops in the Chuan-chien east of the Tientsin-Puchow Railway in South Shansi.

By yesterday the Japanese forces had completed the encircling of the Chinese in the mountainous sector, and with the support of aircraft, are attacking the Chinese troops.

The Chinese forces in this attack are under the command of Chen Tich.

Chinese Woman Charged With Manslaughter

Alleged to have kicked her because she was being pressed for \$6, Chung Wan-ching, 32, married the manslaughter of Pun King Chief Justice, Sir Atholl M

39,150 Heroin Pills Found

WHEN revenue officers led by Acting Chief Preventive Officer Mr. A. W. Grimmitt raided a hut on a Tai Hang hillside on November 3, they discovered a large heroin pill factory.

Three men, Wong Ming, So Mau, Leung Sang, and a woman, Ma Lai, were arrested and this morning they appeared before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions charged with unlawful possession of 39,150 heroin pills and 647½ ozs of material sufficient to make 64,750 heroin pills.

Wong and Ma pleaded not guilty and the following were the jury members who heard the case: Messrs. M. Berke (Foreman), Ip Fook-sing, M. Y. Krivos, W. M. Mehal, Pong Chiu-chun, W. L. Cunningham, and Lo Pak him.

Raid Described

Mr. T. J. Gould, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and said the raid was carried out on the afternoon of November 3. The four accused were found inside the hut and one of them climbed out through a small hole in the back of the hut and fled. However, he was pursued and caught.

When the hut was searched, there were found a considerable quantity of material which was capable of being manufactured into heroin pills, and over 39,000 pills had actually been manufactured. Other substances in different stages, were also discovered, showing quite clearly that the hut had been used as a factory for the making of heroin pills.

Also found were a considerable number of tools and implements which were used in the manufacture of the pills.

Continuing, Mr. Gould said when the names of the first accused were examined, they were found to be encrusted with a pink mass, the substance from which the pills were made. The names of the woman were also found to be stained pink.

JAPANESE SHIP RELEASED

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—The Sanyo Maru was released from the Contraband Control base after a stay of 24 hours.

According to the Ministry of Economic Warfare, it was only necessary to verify her cargo, which did not include any other goods of German origin, covered by Japanese guarantees.

Release After Examination

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Dec. 17 (Domel).—The Ministry of Economic Warfare announced this afternoon that the Japanese steamer Sanyo Maru has been released after 24 hours and was released Sunday afternoon.

It may be recalled that the Japanese Government had previously assured the British Government that the contracts and payments for the German goods taken aboard, the steamer had been completed prior to November 27, while the British Government announced simultaneous with the promulgation of the Order in Council permitting the seizure of German goods that exceptional treatment would be made of those goods which had become the property of neutral countries before the date.

The Sanyo Maru has been detained at Downs only to make it sure whether its cargo does not contain goods which are not guaranteed by the Japanese Government.

FRENCH LOAN FOR CHINA

KUNMING, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—The General Manager of the Szechuen-Yunnan Railway yesterday called on the Governor of Yunnan to submit a report on the French railway loan.

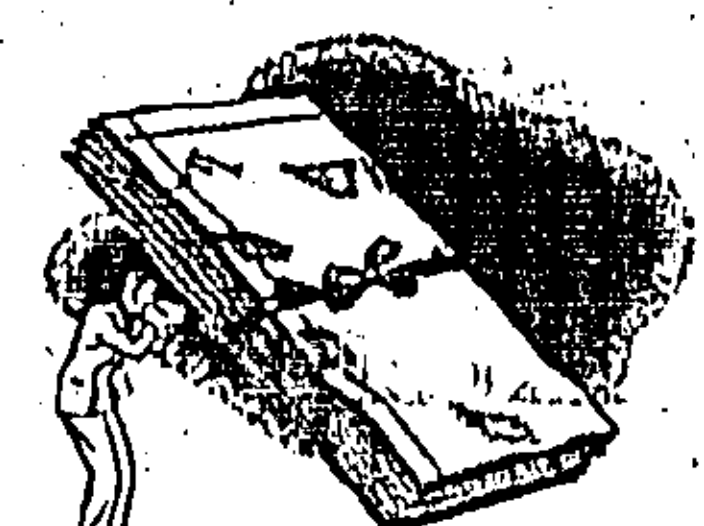
A Yunnan daily in an editorial to-day, states that "this is the first time that China has enjoyed such a loan. The confidence shown by France may lead to similar successes with other countries."

CAR AND MOTOR CYCLE STOLEN

A Morris car No. 3514, valued at \$1,700, the property of Mr. Calvert of No. 1 Gap Road, was stolen from the car park near Queen's Pier yesterday.

Lam Wing-chen, Tung Choi Street, had a H. S. A. motor-cycle No. 142 stolen from Queen's Road Central near the Central Market on Saturday.

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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

IRELAND'S GALLANT BUT UNAVAILING EFFORT

China Fully Extended To Win By 4-2: Hills Brilliant In Defence

(By "Rox")

DESPITE A GALLANT EFFORT that earned for them the unstinted praise and admiration of both European and Chinese spectators alike, Ireland were defeated by China by four goals to two in a first round match of the Sunday Herald International Cup at Caroline Hill yesterday. On paper they presented meagre opposition to the Chinese, but on the field they worked like Trojans, and with a little more luck might have sprung the biggest surprise of the season in defeating them.

Granted that the Chinese had not their full representative side out, it is still a matter of conjecture whether Hills, on the form he displayed, could not have held Fung King-cheong and Lai Shiu-wing as well.

Moore was not very much to blame for a faulty display. Under similar conditions any other goalkeeper might have failed to pieces. It was Hills' first representative game, and he was the outstanding player of both sides. He combined admirably with Sheehan to give one of the finest defensive displays seen this season. But for the services of this pair, Ireland might not have been what they were. These defenders seemed to inspire confidence in the halves and forward line, which did not fail.

Leonard played a very quiet but effective game in subduing the Chinese forwards. He had the measure of Lee, and he was given excellent support by Smart and Honniball, both of whom were responsible for breaking up many of the Chinese movements.

Of the forwards, Jorge gave a very fine performance, combining well with O'Regan and Martin to give the Chinese defence many anxious moments, and, at times, nonplussing them, with splendid combination. A. Leonard, on the left wing, was very unobtrusive, and seemed time when compared with Brockbury, on the right, who showed up exceptionally well towards the close of play, out-playing and out-running the Chinese defence.

SELECTION JUSTIFIED

FOR the Chinese, Tam had a hectic afternoon, but he fully justified his selection. Mak Sul-hon and Tsang Chung-wan had not the understanding, but as individuals were

HOW TEAMS FARED

FIRST DIVISION

Police	1 S. China "A"	3
Kowloon	4 Eastern	1
Club	2 Royal Scots	1

SECOND DIVISION "A"

Kit Chee	1 South China	3
5th R.A.	0 Eastern	1
R.A.O.C.	2 8th R.A.	3
Club	0 30th R.A.	3

SECOND DIVISION "B"

Engineers	2 R.A.F.	0
Kwong Wah	1 Royal Scots	4
Kowloon	2 Police	1

THIRD DIVISION

South China	1 12th R.A.	1
Engineers	2 R.A.S.C.	1
24th R.A.	3 Kumono	1
Royal Scots	6 R.A.M.C.	0
5th R.A.	0 Signals	1

'SUNDAY HERALD' CHARITY CUP

China	4 Ireland	2
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stalwarts. Hsu King-seng again played an excellent game. He is the most consistent centre-half I have seen this season, and one of the best in the Colony. He gave a display of the attacking centre-half, which has only been equaled by Bright. The Kam-hung and Lau Tsui-tsun were very patchy, and inclined to be a little bolsterous in their tackling.

The Chinese forward line suffered terribly in the absence of Fung and Lai, with the consequence that Lee Wai-long was not given support, and appeared to have an off-day. Cheuk



Sgt. Lang, the Army centre three-quarter, who gave a brilliant display just about to break through for his grand try, while Sub-Lt. Kennedy (left) and Lt. Cdr. Clark (right) attempt to intercept him. The Army won by 20-0.—Ming Yuen.

Golf Championship

J.T. SMITH EASILY BEATS F.D. HUNTER AT FANLING

At Fanling yesterday J. T. Smith beat F. D. Hunter comfortably by 9 and 8 over 36 holes. The weather was perfect, though at the start the greens and fairways were wet with dew. There was a slight breeze in the afternoon, but not enough to make any difference.

From an indifferent start, Smith got the lead at the first hole and increased this to four up at the turn. Hunter did not win a hole till the fourteenth, and was not in his best form, cutting a good many of his shots. nor did he have the best of luck.

Smith, out in 35, made one or two errors but recovered in every case and his putting was absolutely deadly on greens that were good. After 12 holes he was seven up and after 17 nine up. He lost the 18th and went to 10 up.

In the afternoon both were out in 36 and there was no change in the position, but a fine three at the tenth made Smith nine up and eight to play. The players completed the round and Smith came home in 33 to give him a score of 69; good enough golf to win in any championship.

The figures were as follows, and must be taken as approximate only, as in one or two cases the players did not hole out:

Smith (1st 18)	35
5, 4, 3, 3, 4, 4, 3, 4, 5, 35	
4, 5, 2, 4, 4, 5, 3, 4, 5, 37	
Hunter (1st 18)	40
6, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 3, 4, 7, 40	
5, 5, 3, 5, 3, 5, 3, 4, 5, 40	
Smith (2nd 18)	30
4, 4, 3, 3, 5, 4, 4, 4, 5, 30	
3, 4, 2, 5, 5, 4, 3, 4, 3, 33	
Hunter (2nd 18)	36
4, 5, 2, 4, 4, 4, 5, 3, 4, 5, 36	
4, 5, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 4, 5, 38	

Robinson (Navy); Roughley and Hendy (Navy); Layle (Navy); Bright (M'xex) and Wilkinson (M'xex); Gardner (H.K.E.); Thorburn (Navy); Fowler (Club); Savvy (M'xex) and Thomas (M'xex).

Reserves—E. Strang (Club); Brett (Navy); Rides (R.A.O.C.) and Freshwater (M'xex).

Players are requested to report to the manager of the hotel, Mr. W. E. Holland, in the dressing-room at 3 p.m. sharp. Uniform, shorts and stockings will be supplied.

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China Go Ahead

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England Soccer XI Chosen

The following players have been selected to represent England against Scotland in the International Cup football match on the Club ground on Boxing Day, commencing at 3.30 p.m.:

Robinson (Navy); Roughley and Hendy (Navy); Layle (Navy); Bright (M'xex) and Wilkinson (M'xex); Gardner (H.K.E.); Thorburn (Navy); Fowler (Club); Savvy (M'xex) and Thomas (M'xex).

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Rugby Tournament

ARMY TROUNCE NAVY 20-0

Excellent Display By The Backs

(By "Fly-half")

A SPLENDID DISPLAY by the Army back division gave them victory over the Navy by 20 points (2 goals, a dropped goal and 2 tries) to nil in the last game of the first round of the Triangular Tournament. This win places the Army in a strong position to at least become joint holders with the Club of premier local honours. Their display on Saturday would place them as favourites for their match against the Club this Saturday.

Navy, out-played up forward, became disorganised behind the scrum, and were mainly seen in good defensive work for most of the game. Stevens was at his best in tackling, and was worthily applauded, when he was full back; for his head-on tackle of Waite in full flight. He hit the Army centre three with such force that the three was lifted off his feet, and thrown on his back. More similar tackles by the same player were seen when he moved up to inside-three vice Nicholl, who went to the full-back position after he had sustained what appeared to be a foot injury.

The Army pack gave a good display all-round, and all eight deserve mention. Pinkerton, Sutherland, Page and Duke were the men to catch the eye in the loose. Berry worked extremely hard, though his eagerness generally spoiled his finishing off. He was inclined to kick and rush instead of maintaining continued control of the ball in his dribbles.

May was an accomplished scrum-half, and may be taken to have solved the Army problem. His passing was methodical and was never wild, whatever the occasion. He was safe kick, and knows when to use it in defence. A pleasing phase of his game was his effective stopping of foot rushes by lying cleanly on the ball for sufficient time to hold up the attack and allow his forwards to gather around.

HOOK DISPELLED any doubts as to his ability as an attacking stand-off half. He took his passes cleanly and passed out crisply, and at the correct moment to allow his inside maximum attacking power.

With the halves throwing away no chances, the Army backs received their opportunities, and made good use of them. Lang was more direct in his attack than Waite—an impression gained perhaps, because Waite uses such long strides and powerful swerves, which from the grand-stand appear to be executed at half speed. Skipworth was an active wing-three and did a lot of good work in the centre of the field in covering up. He invariably turned defence into attack with considerable success. Arlingstall justified his inclusion without being brilliant. Pictou, at full back, was reliable, but was seldom called on.

Although beaten in all phases of the forward game, the Navy pack stuck to their task, with Brown, Ferris and Charles generally in the van.

A BUSY AFTERNOON

CARTER AND CLARK, behind the losing pack, had a busy afternoon in defence work. Carter, in the second half, probably because he saw his inside three were making little headway, tried to get through on his own, with no success. Bowden and Kennedy, on the wings, were given few opportunities in attack, and generally found themselves in positions where they were forced to kick two touch or be tackled in possession. Paul and Nicholl, and later Stevens, could make no headway against Army defence.

Army went into attack from the kick-off, but frittered away their opportunities by overdoing the four-kicking, even when on top of the Navy line.

THE FIRST TRY

SUTHERLAND picked up in the loose, and battered his way over for the first try.

CASH SWEEP WINNERS ON SATURDAY

The following were the lucky cash sweep numbers at the Races on Saturday:

No. 4,140	RACE 1	\$2,004.75
670		\$303.25
No. 3,340	RACE 2	\$2,020.40
3,323		\$153.40
4,417		\$375.20

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 4,127, 2,818, 4,708, 3,050.

No. 1,497	RACE 3	\$2,004.50
3,053		\$201.20
2,937		\$400.00
2,814, 829, 4,320, 35		\$400.00

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 5,137, 2,814, 829, 4,320, 35.

No. 3,080	RACE 4	\$3,120.00
4,304		\$800.00
4,304		\$440.00
No. 3,114	RACE 5	\$3,681.20
3,378		\$1,021.20
3,378		\$1,021.20

Unplaced ponies (\$100 each): Nos. 1,105, 4,141, 2,511, 4,700, 4,777, 2,270, 2,400.

No. 3,590	RACE 6	\$3,170.00
20		\$201.00
1,008		\$483.00
2,719, 1,078, 1,715, 043		\$483.00

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1,534, 2,719, 1,078, 1,715, 043.

No. 819	RACE 7	\$3,337.00
4,304		\$800.00
4,304		\$440.00
No. 3,114	RACE 8	\$3,681.20
3,378		\$1,021.20
3,378		\$1,021.20

Unplaced ponies (\$100 each): Nos. 12, 4,170, 2,400, 4,741, 4,025, 5,050, 3,037, 2,103.

Number of tickets sold, 6,000.

No. 3,377	RACE 8	\$5,420.40
1,404		\$1,334.40
1,404		\$317.20
Unplaced ponies (\$100 each): Nos. 12, 4,170, 2,400, 4,741, 4,025, 5,050, 3,037, 2,103.		\$317.20

Number of tickets sold, 12,250.

Reception Prepared For Jack Dempsey

Manila, Dec. 16 (UP).—A huge reception has been prepared by Government officials, business executives and sportsmen for Jack Dempsey, who is due to arrive here by Clipper to-morrow afternoon.

Dempsey May Omit Visit To H.K.

Owing to the delay of the China Clipper through a typhoon, Jack Dempsey, who was expected to arrive in Hongkong to-day, may omit his visit altogether, as being unable to reach Hongkong before Wednesday he would be very rushed to get down to Manila for the Lee-Garcia fight on Saturday.

Mr. Jas Cortes, the promoter of the Garcia-Lee bout, said that if there is any possibility of the Clipper being held up in Hongkong by bad weather Dempsey will be asked to postpone the fight to the Colony as the fight has already been cancelled once. The fight is scheduled to take place on December 23.

VETERANS AT CRICKET

Hongkong Cricket Club Beat Kowloon C.C.

An innings of 55 not out by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsay featured the match between veteran members of the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Hongkong Cricket Club played at Kowloon yesterday, and won by the latter by 60 runs.

All who took part in the game were over the age of 45, and their total ages came to over 3,000. Excellency, the Governor did not play, though originally expected to, but he acted as one of the umpires.

Hongkong C.C.	
Brig. McLeod, retired	28
W. Blaker, b Nash	10
S. W. Patterson, c Green b Fraser	21
R. O. Gillespie, retired	32
J. A. Pearce, b Hobbs	32
A. Redmond, b Nash	1
J. D. Humphreys, c Lindsay b Fraser	10
C. Stork, hit wicket b Fraser	53
E. J. Mitchell, retired	14
G. S. Lovett, b Nash	16
Z. W. Hamilton, retired	3
Extras	3
Total	203

Bowling Analysis	
	O. M. R. W.
Parsons	0 1 19 5
Nash	0 7 68 4
Fraser	0 0 07 1
Hobbs	1 1 15 1
Green	1 1 15 1

Kowloon C.C.	
S. Jax, c Pearce b Patterson	0
W. Nash, c Pearce b Patterson	17
Capt. A. H. Martin, retired	17
Capt. W. M. Parsons, retired	27
R. E. Lindsay, retired	80
J. Fraser, b Pearce	7
O. Green, not out	24
N. Hobbie, c Pearce b Nash	0
T. G. Stokes, b Redmond	3
C. Abraham, c McLeod b Redmond	2
E. Nash, b Redmond	2
Extras	8
Total	143

Bowling Analysis	
	O. M. R. W.
Patterson	0 4 19 3
Hamilton	3 4 33 1
Gillespie	1 1 23 1
Pearce	4 1 23 1
Humphreys	2 2 10 1
Lovett	1 1 17 1
Redmond	2 1 5 3

Week-end Softball Scores

The following were the week-end softball scores:

Girls'	
Hongkong Ballgirls 0, Pirates 5.	
Panthers 0, Wahos 5	
Cubs 14, Cardinals 12.	
Canadian Chinese 12, Wildcats 11.	
Men	
Recrelo 17, V.R.C. 6.	
Chung Hwa 5, Recrelo B 1.	
H.K. Baseball Club 10, C.B.A. 5.	
Canadian Chinese 12, Trojans 2.	
Shell 23, H.K. Shai Bank 14.	
R.A.F. 14, Texaco 8.	

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MAY ROBSON
Is a shoplifter with a heart of gold, a sleeve full of silver!

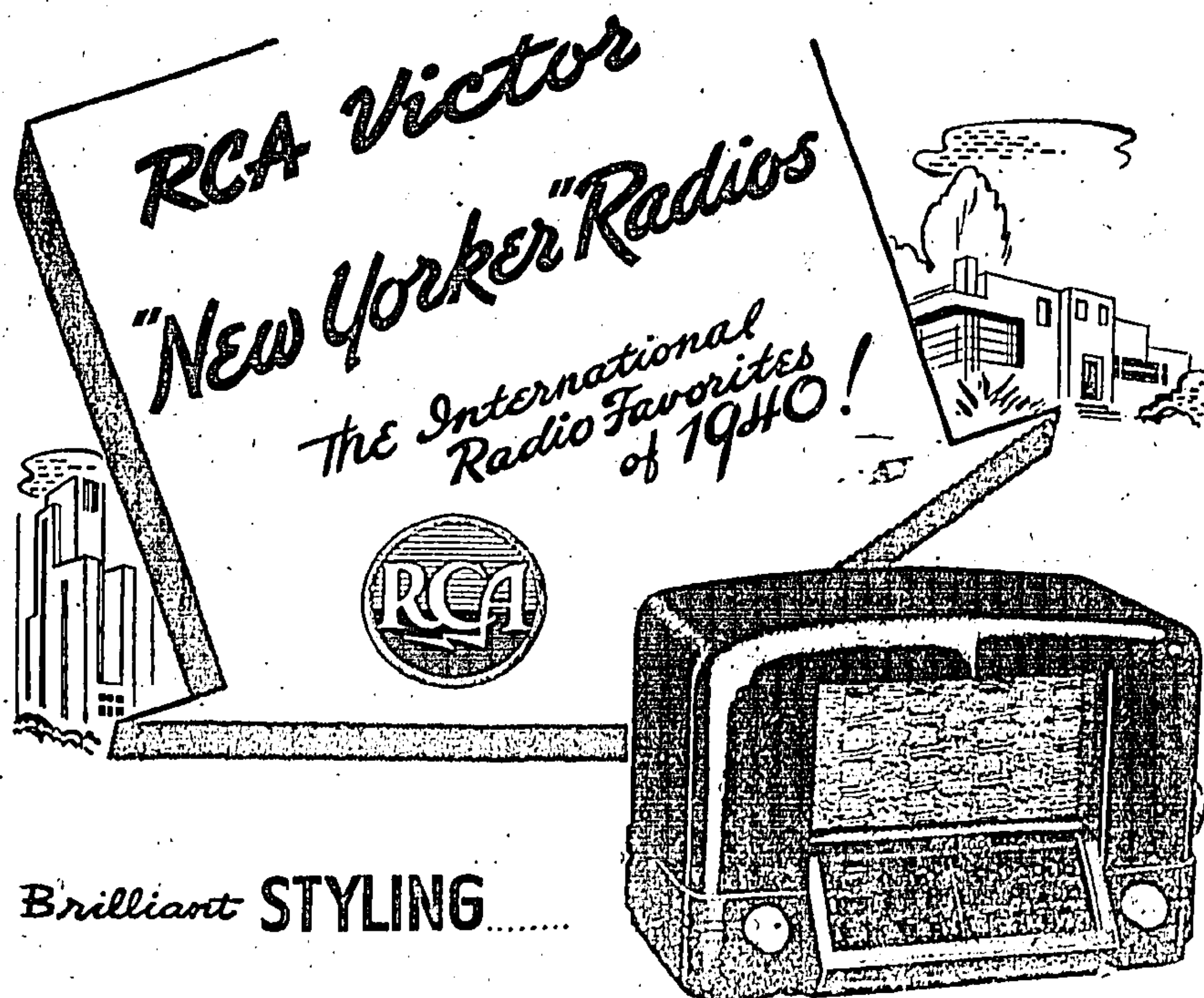
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Materials.—6oz. Paton and Baldi's sock wool. Four No. 9 needles pointed at both ends.

Tension.—Six stitches to the inch (unstretched).

Abbreviations.—K: knit; P: purl; St: stitch; Rep: repeat; Rem: remain; tog: together; Beg: beginning.

Note.—Work into backs of cast-on or picked-up sts. to produce firm edges. Using double wool and 2 needles, cast on 102 sts. and work in ribbing of

K1, P1 for 8 rows. 9th row. * P4, K2. Rep. from * to end of row. 10th row. K2, P4. Rep. from * until 2 rem. K2, P1. Rep. these two rows 15 times. Cast off.

Cast on 36 sts. and work 9th and 10th rows 18 times. K2 tog. at each end of every row until sts. are reduced to 12.

Cast off. Sew top and side edges of this piece to casting-off edge of first piece.

Using set of needles and with right side of work facing, pick up 84 sts. evenly along lower edge, cast on 22 sts. for front (106 in all).

Work in ribbing of K1, P1 for 34 rows. Cast off loosely. Press well on wrong side under a damp cloth.

Right Mitten

Materials.—3oz. Khaki or Air Force blue 3-ply wool. Four No. 9 needles. Cast on 66 sts. (110 on 2 needles and

COMFORTS... for the Troops.

The King's Christmas Pudding

This is the recipe from which the King's Christmas pudding is made by his chef, M. Rene Roussin.

- 1½ lb finely shredded suet.
- 1 lb sifted flour.
- ¾ lb ground almonds.
- 1 lb. Demerara sugar.
- 1 lb. stoned raisins.
- 1 lb. currants.
- 1 lb. sultanas.
- 4 oz. candied citron.
- 4 oz. candied lemon.
- 4 oz. candied orange peel.
- 1 teaspoonful mixed spice; nutmeg; pinch of salt.
- 1 lb. eggs (weighed in shells).
- ¼ bottle sherry.
- 1 wineglass brandy.
- ½ pint beer.

The mixture is given twelve hours to settle and then boiled in a basin for eight hours. It is brought to the table slightly, decorated with a sprig of holly. For the blue flames, four wine-glasses of brandy are warmed well before being poured over the pudding and lighted.

HERE ARE TWO GOOD DRINKS

Cold Punch

CUT two oranges in slices and put them in a bowl with a small tin of pineapple and its juice, also the juice of a lemon, strained.

Add two port-glasses of whisky or of gin, according to which flavour you prefer, and let this stand in a cold place for an hour.

Just before serving splash in a sufficient quantity of dry ginger ale, well ice.

Sauterne Cup

SOAK two or three slices of peaches or apricots in enough brandy to cover them. Press through a strainer. Then add a bottle of Sauterne or Bordeaux white wine and two bottles of soda water. Serve cold.

General notes on wine cups: White wine or cider, still or sparkling, can be used. Barley sugar is better than ordinary if sweetening is required. Fruits and spirit should soak for at least one hour before adding the wine and soda. Soda, well ice, should be put in at the last moment.

Party Temptation

I HAVE found that the most successful party sweets are not the rich dainties which do not mix well with hot rooms and uproarious games. But refreshing jellies with a topping of cream and nuts, popular trifles and simple blancmanges made in pretty colours to give them a festive air.

For instance, your guests are sure to be tempted by grapefruit "moons." Here is the recipe as well as a number of other popular party sweets which will make the table look gay.

Grapefruit-Moons
To make a dozen "moons" you need six grapefruits. Remove the pulp, add this to two dissolved pint jelly squares.
Make up with hot water to measure two pints; then nearly fill the fruit skins with the jelly.
Leave to set, then decorate each moon with whipped cream, chopped pistachio nuts, a glace cherry, and a spiced almond.
Nearly everyone likes jelly, but it is especially good when fruit is added.
Try this tempting recipe:—

Fruit Jelly

Ingredients: 2 packets strawberry jelly, 1½ pints water and fruit juice, mixed fruit such as grapes, canned strawberries, pineapple, and apricots.
Rinse a fairly large mould out with cold water, leave the inside wet, and place mould in a pan of very cold water or broken ice.
Dissolve the jellies in the hot water and fruit juice, pour a little into the mould, and allow it to set. Add some of the fruit, contrasting the colours, cover with more jelly and leave to set.
Repeat until the mould is full, taking care that each layer of jelly is set firm before adding fruit. Turn out when set and serve with cream.

Rainbow Blancmange

Ingredients: 2 level tablesp. corn-flour, 3 tablesp. sugar, 1½ pints milk, a pinch of salt, colouring.
Mix cornflour to a smooth paste with a little of the cold milk, put the remainder of the milk into a sauce-pan with a pinch of salt. Bring to the boil, then pour over the cornflour and stir. Return the mixture to the pan, add the sugar, then boil and stir for 5 minutes.
Have ready four basins. Pour a little of the creamy mixture into each, adding a few drops of different colouring to three, leaving one white. Use a teaspoonful of cocoa for one, vegetable colouring for the third with green vegetable colouring.
Pour each section separately into a wet mould and leave to set. When turned out, the blancmange will resemble a rainbow.

Chocolate Bananas

Quickly prepared for the party. Smear the skinned bananas with raspberry jam, then roll in grated chocolate. Or the chocolate can be melted over a gentle heat, the bananas coated with it and put on a wire rack to dry thoroughly.
Serve with sweetened whipped cream or custard.

Creamy Trifle

Just watch how quickly this trifle will vanish.
Ingredients: 10 small sponge cakes, 3 glasses of home-made wine, sherry or fruit juice, ½ dozen macaroons, 2oz. ratafia, 1 pint custard, ¼ pint thick cream, jam.
Split the sponge cakes and spread with jam, arrange in a glass dish and pour over the sherry, wine or fruit juice. Allow to soak for half an hour, then sprinkle over the crushed macaroons, and cover with the cold custard.
Whip the cream, sweeten and flavour, then spread or pipe it over the custard.
Decorate with the ratafia, and some glace cherries and spiced almonds.

Raspberry Cream

This delicious sweet is made with a tin of raspberries. Rub the fruit through a hair sieve, then add ½ pint thick custard, ¼ pint whipped cream, and ½oz. of dissolved gelatine.
Mix thoroughly, then pour into a wet mould and leave to set. Turn out and decorate with whole raspberries.

Orange Compote

A large glass bowl filled with a compote of oranges will tempt hot and thirsty guests. This is how to prepare this delicious, fruity sweet.
Dissolve 1lb. loaf sugar in ½ pint water, bring to boil and simmer for 15 minutes. Add six large, juicy oranges, peeled and cut into slices.
Sprinkle a little of the grated orange rind over the top, and a few chopped walnuts. Serve with whipped cream.

Lemon Meringue

A sweet refreshing to the palate. Ingredients: 6oz. shortcrust pastry, 2 eggs, ½oz. butter, ½lb. caster sugar, juice and rind of a lemon, ½ pint boiling water, 2oz. cornflour.

Coffee Cream

Most grown-ups will appreciate this coffee-flavoured sweet.

Ingredients: 1½ pints milk, 2 tablesp. strong coffee, 2 eggs, 2oz. caster sugar, ¼ pint thick cream, ½oz. gelatine.
Dissolve the gelatine in the hot coffee. Boil the milk in a double boiler, let it go off the boil, then add the eggs and sugar. Cook very slowly, until the mixture thickens, remove from heat and add coffee and gelatine.
Allow to cool a little, then stir in the whipped cream, pour into a wet mould and leave to set. Turn out and decorate with ground almonds.

Line a buttered pie-dish with the

shortcrust, put in some crusts of stale bread, then bake in a hot oven for 20 minutes. Remove crusts and re-turn pastry to oven to finish cooking.
Blend cornflour to a paste with a little cold water, pour over the boiling water and lemon juice, and turn into a saucepan. Boil and stir for 15 minutes. Remove from heat, add sugar, grated lemon rind and yolk of eggs, then cook until thick.

Turn into the pie-dish, pour over

the egg whites, stiffly whisked with a little caster sugar, then bake in a hot oven for 15 minutes. Turn out, allow to moderate even until meringue is firm.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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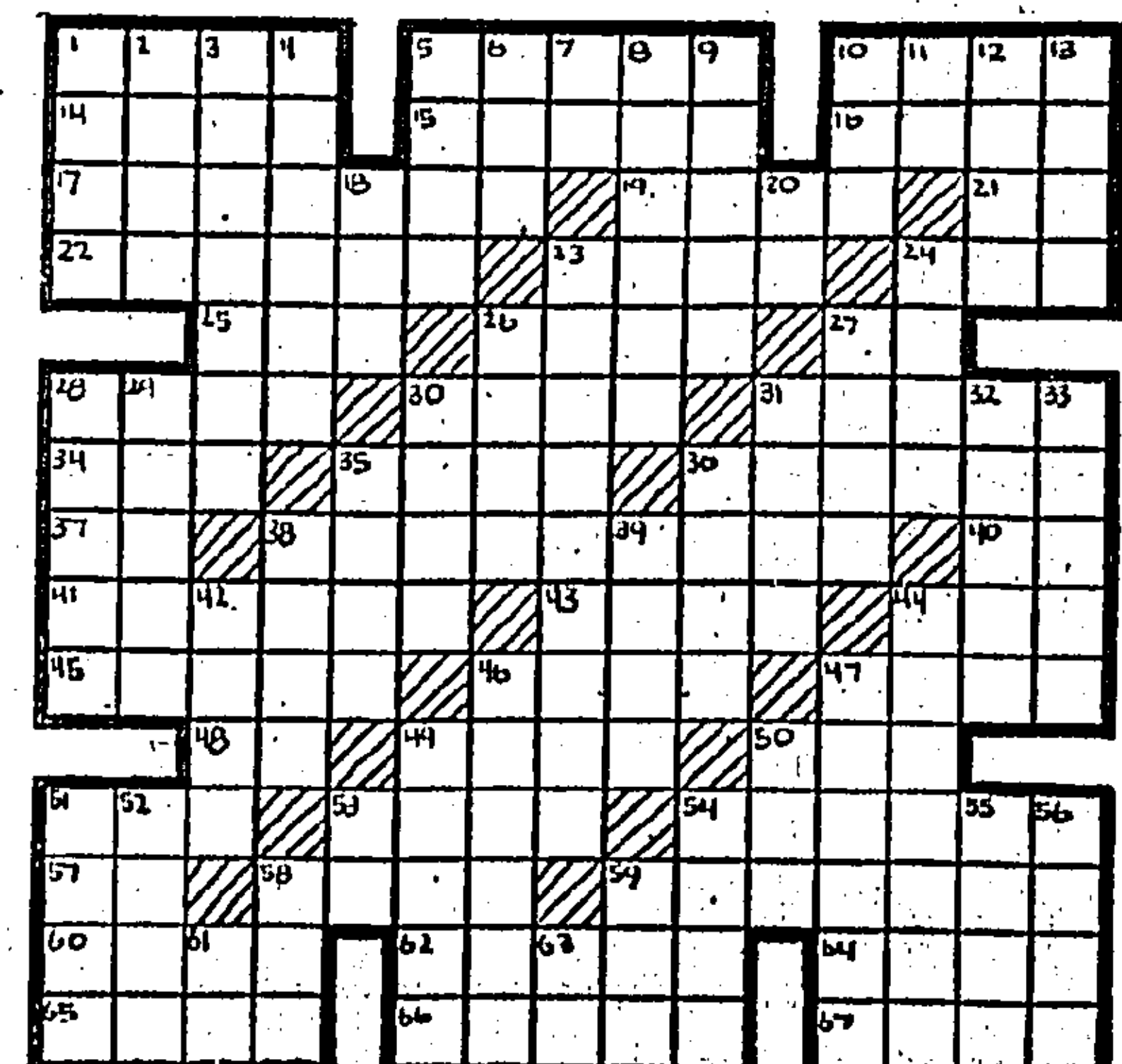
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2—Discoverer of North
3—America
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8—Scene of Antioch
9—Cleopatra's
10—Defeat
11—Lack of success
12—On a grand scale
13—Live
14—Landlord property
15—Cavalry
16—Wine
17—Proven water
18—Swiss service
19—Public notice
20—Square of Allah
21—Beneficiary
22—Halter
23—Great object
24—Ancestral
25—Minister
26—Negative
27—Punished quickly
28—Parent
29—Counsellor in Ireland
30—Shut out
31—Belonging to him
32—Mineral
33—Emotional
34—Hair on neck
35—Delicate design in cloth
36—Primary unit
37—Diplomatic intensity
38—Dislike (col.)
39—Remain
40—Measure
41—Movable
42—Boundary-line

DOWN

1—Present
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3—Native
4—Literature
5—Comfort
6—Worry

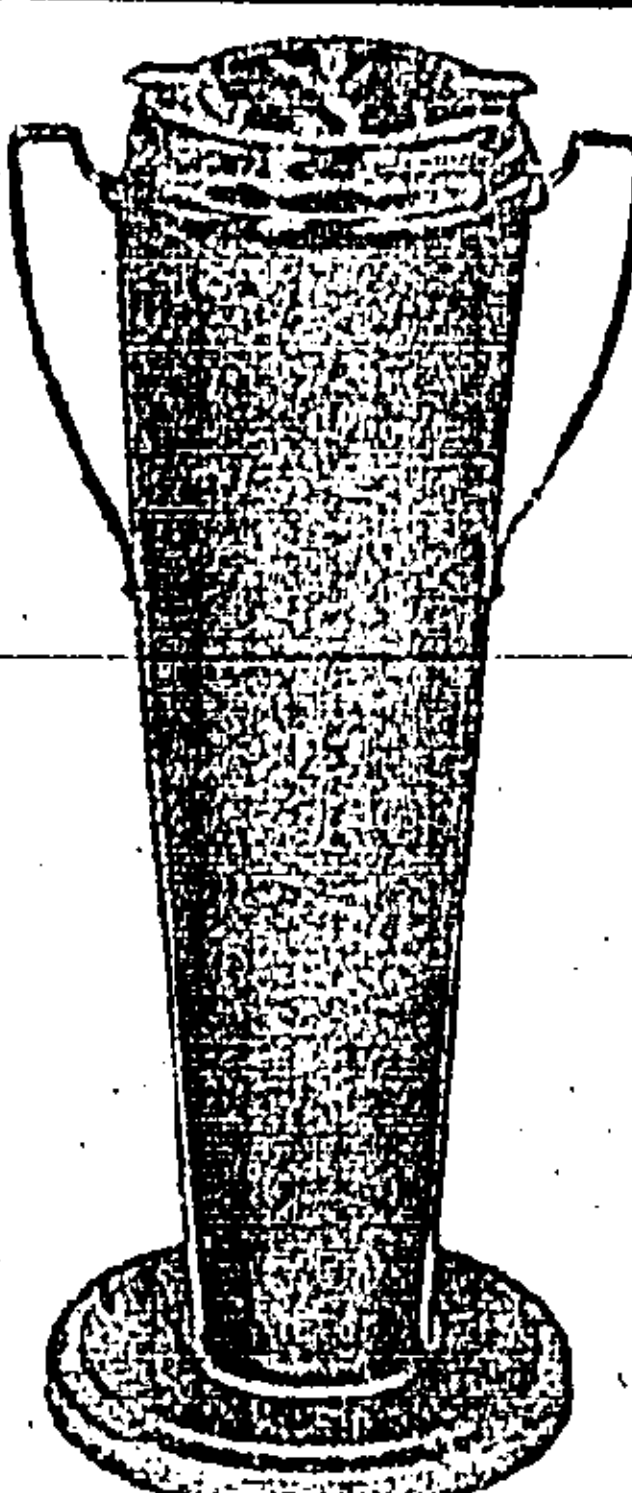
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12—Heavenly body
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14—Western Indian
15—Convenient rule
16—Take out
17—Mine entrance
18—Triclinic
19—Part of church
20—Person to be punished
21—Pretence
22—Astronomical device
23—Palace
24—Number of discharges
25—Gravestone
26—Line of sailing-
27—vessel
28—Tomb of Neap
29—Astronomical
30—Spurious saint
31—Three of any suit
32—Front fish
33—Material
34—Blood pump
35—Towel waves in card
36—game
37—Shut
38—Shutter
39—Shutter
40—Ladder (revov.)

41—Chinese mite
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45—Bring up
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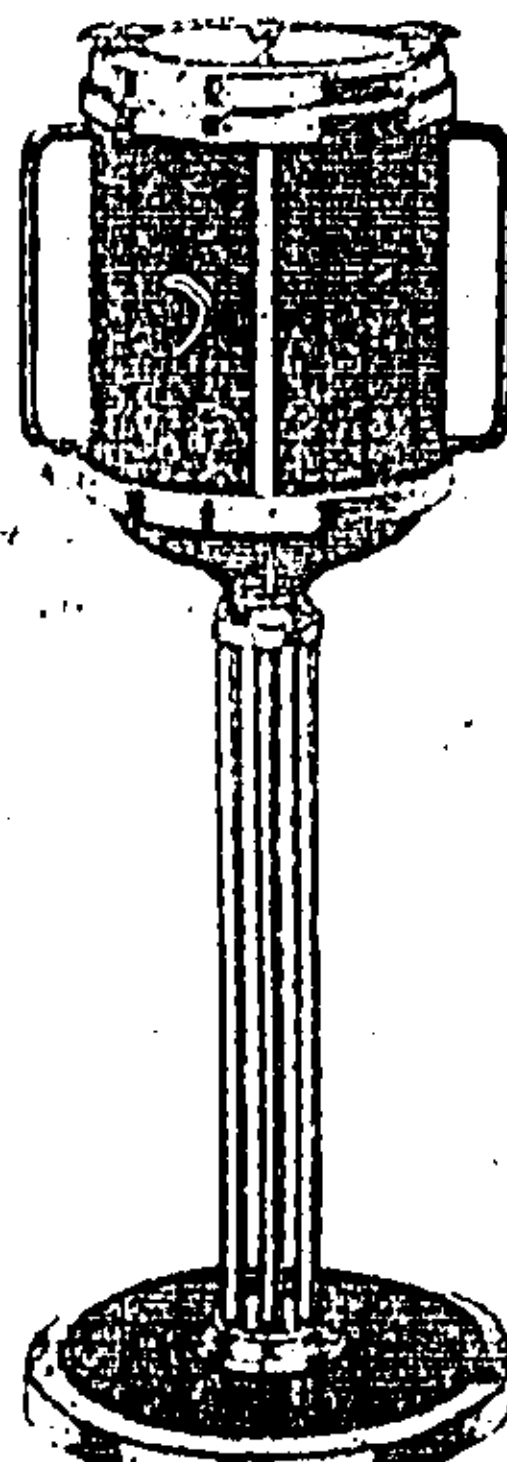
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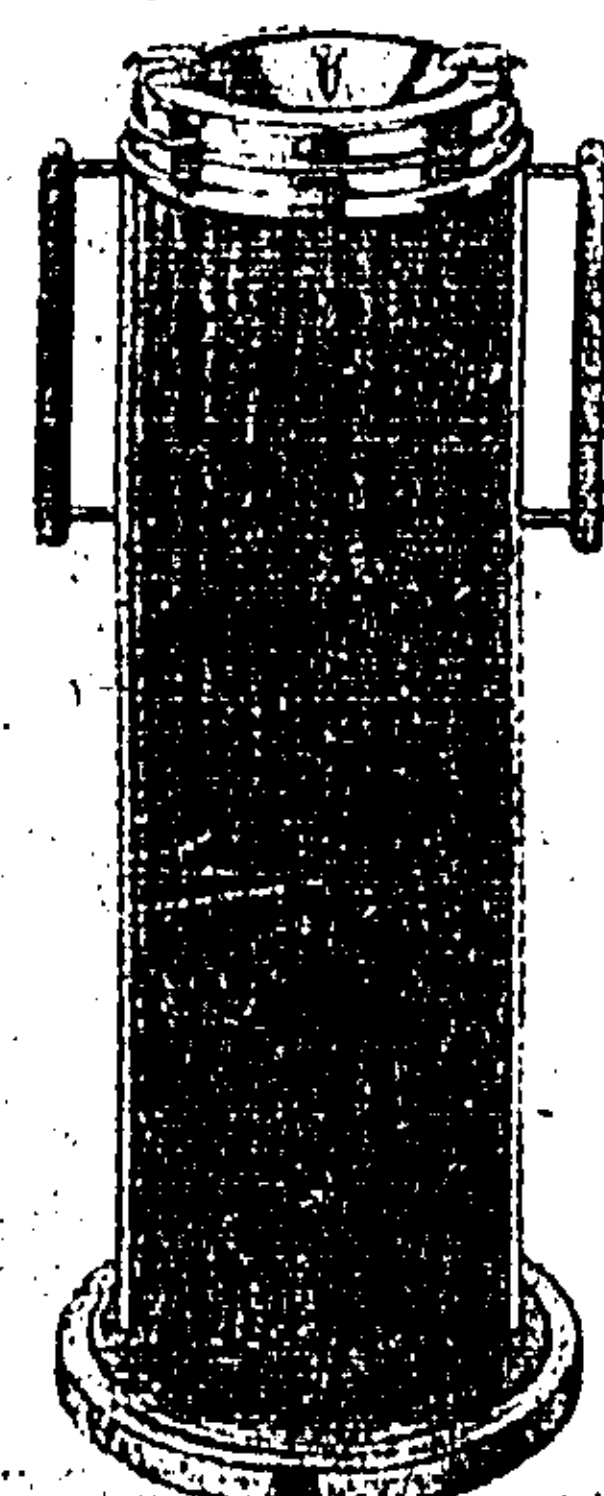
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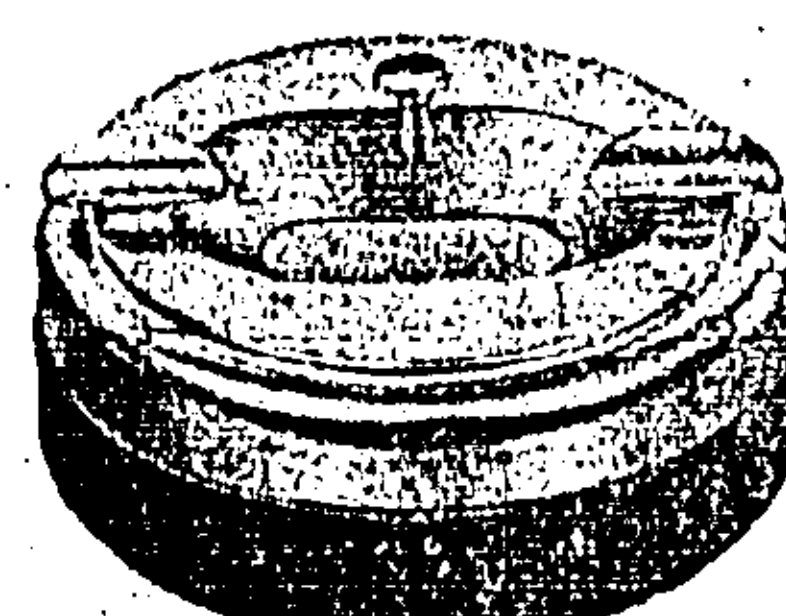
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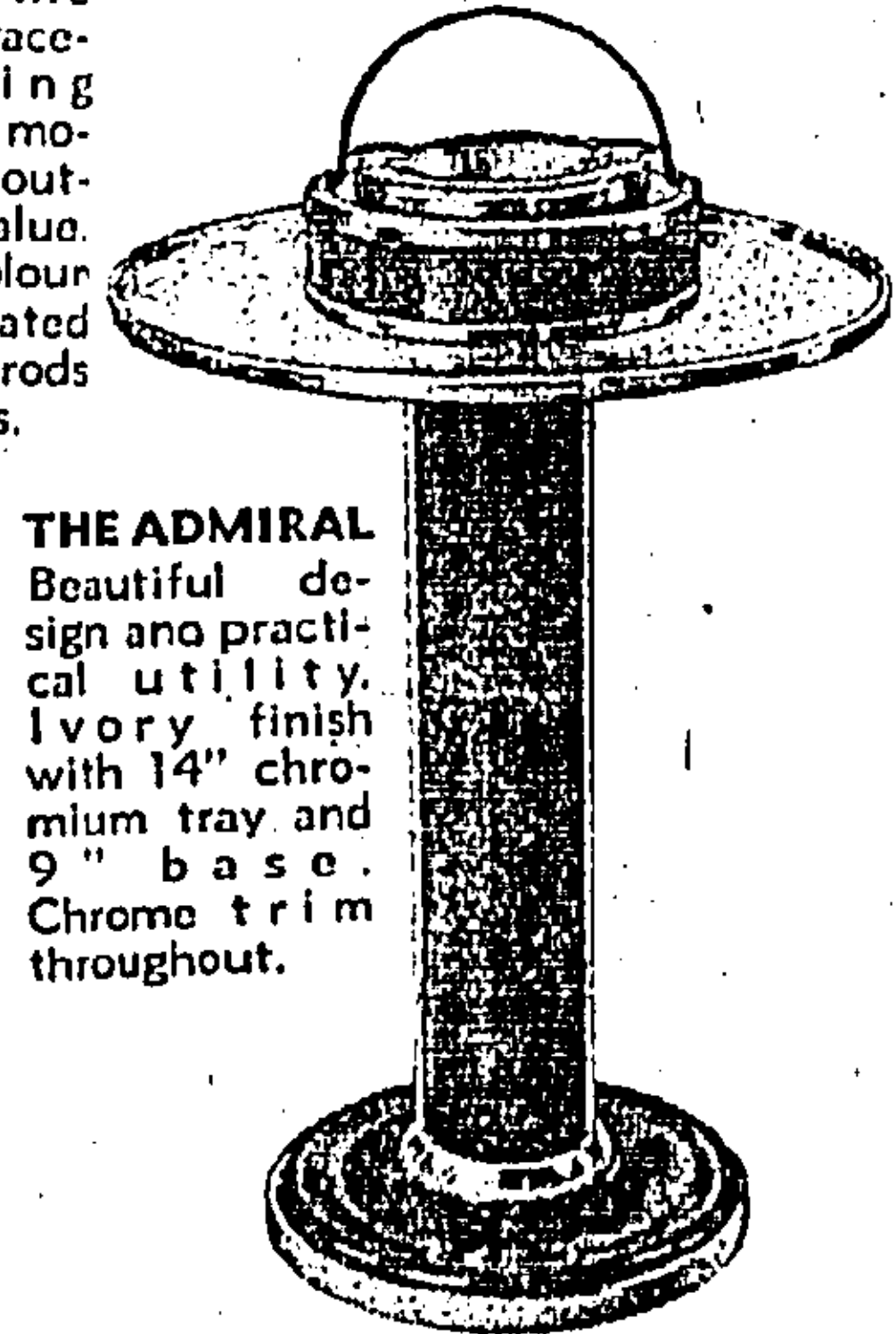


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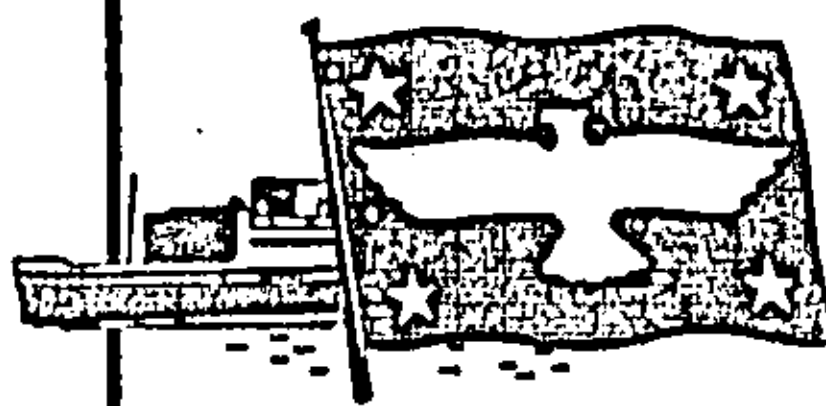
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goil when off the English
coast was foretold in tea-
leaves before she sailed.

The Lochgoil, of 9,462 tons,
was outward bound with cargo.
Before she left port the crew spent
a few hours at a sailors' rest.

One sailor, who had just finished
a cup of tea, noticed the peculiar
picture formed by the tea-leaves.
His mates crowded round and saw
what appeared to be a sinking ship,
a lifeboat going to her rescue, and
someone signalling from shore.
"You can take it from me," said
the man with the cup, "we are going
to cop it before we have been out
many days."

CAPTAIN INJURED

A day after leaving port an ex-
plosion occurred which injured the
master Captain W. C. Tarrant, and
five of his crew.

Deck-hand William Zimmerman, of
London, who had just taken over the
wheel, said the explosion came from
the bows.

The ship was badly damaged, but
she was successfully beached.

Her cargo was taken off, and she
is to be repaired and refitted.

Five Lascars were injured by an
explosion in the Anchor
Brocklebank liner Marawari, near
the Welsh coast.

Arabs and Lascars formed the
majority of the crew of 91.

Mohamed Jama, a deckhand, who
was in his bunk when the explosion
occurred, said:

"The doors crashed in and the
lights went out. There was a rush
on to deck, and water was already
pouring in."

RADIO BLOWN AWAY
"The radio was blown away."

"As the ship took a heavy list the
skipper, Captain Richardson, ordered
us to take to the boats."

"There was no panic, but some of
the crew were playing."

"We reached shore in the ship's
boats."

The Marawari was taken in tow
by tugs, and the European officers
were landed.

The liner was bound from Belfast
to Newport, Monmouth, in the ill-
lucky ship.

It is not known whether she was
struck by a mine or attacked.

Twenty of the crew were landed
at Port Talbot, and the remainder at
Swansea.

Marawari denied responsibility, but
he was sentenced to two and a
half years' imprisonment. When
this term expired the authorities
"found cause to take him into pro-
tective custody, where he stayed
until September."

"He then attempted to blame some
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false denunciation."

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The Swiss
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Here are two stories about
Switzerland and Germany.

1. Guards on the Swiss-Ger-
man border are not friendly.
One morning the Swiss found in
the road a "present from the Ger-
mans" in the shape of a milk can
marked "With our compliments."

Next morning the Germans
found in their road a great pile
of butter. A note said: "Each
side gives what it can spare."

2. Before the war Switzer-
land tried in vain to buy fighter
planes from Britain, France and
Italy, and at last tried Germany.

"Certainly," said the Germans,
"we'll give you forty Messer-
schmitts—but we don't want
money for them."

So the Swiss paid on delivery
—a Swiss cheese.

Soon after war began the
Swiss wanted more fighters.
Britain, France and Italy again
could not oblige. Germany again
could.

"Yes," said the Germans, "we
shall send you forty more
Messerschmitts. But this time
we must get our cheese in ad-
vance and you may have to wait
some time for the planes."

CHALK
WITH
CARE

By LINDON LAING

POETS are invited by the
Preussische Zeitung to
chalk up on the walls of
Germany diatribes against
Great Britain.

The following "poem" is said to
have caused great satisfaction
when it appeared on a wall in
Berlin:

"Swift as a strong young
chamois
We will be, at need, beside the
Rhine."

THEN the same writer goes on to
tell of another artist, one A. Mas-
alski, who in 1936 drew what was
considered an unflattering portrait of
Hitler beneath which he wrote a
rhyme.

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he was sentenced to two and a
half years' imprisonment. When
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concerts he loved to organize. To-
night, in the cosy bar of the Emper-
or of India, they drank a silent toast
to the immortal memory of "The Cap-
tain."

They had read with sadness how
out-gunned and out-maneuvred, he
had fought his merchant cruiser
Rawalpindi against hopeless odds
when the German pocket battleship
Deutschland loomed up in the north-
ern mists off Iceland.

And they had drawn their black-
out curtains hours before the winter
dark in tribute to the neighbour who
had come among them ten years ago,
who knew them all by their Chris-
tian names, who talked runner-beans
and cabbages to them over the fence
and revelled in rural joys after hav-
ing retired to live ashore.

'He Was A Man'

We went this afternoon on a pil-
grimage to Captain Kennedy's house.
Lythe, which has stood furnished,
but empty, since he went to the war.
Harry Looker, the captain's gardener
led the way.

"He was a man, was the captain,"
said Harry.

"He culled me when I was weed-
ing the lawn one day a few weeks
ago. He was high jumping for joy."

"Harry my man, they've given
me a ship," he said. It will be
his third campaign. He's been in
the Boxer rebellion in China, and
in the great war before he settled
down here—for the rest of his life
as he thought.

"So off he went to the station in
his old seven h.p. car, and off went
the missus and her two daughters—
they're twelve and thirteen—to Scot-
land to be near him when he came
ashore." Their son, nineteen, is a
midshipman.

Over a truckle bed, in the cap-
tain's room—faded behind a glass,
was a faded piece of bunting.
An inscription in faded ink showed
it was part of the flag which had
covered dying Nelson in the
Victory on Trafalgar Day.

Framed on another wall was a
diagram showing the positions of the
British and German Fleets on
November 2, 1916—the day of the
great surrender on the high seas.

'Der Tag'

Captain Kennedy, serving in the
Grand Fleet, had been present that
day. "Der Tag," he had inscribed the
diagram, little knowing that,
twenty-one years later, almost to the
day, he was destined to meet again
the German naval power.

I went sadly down the village
street, said a "Daily Express" Staff
Reporter. I thought of the blazing
Rawalpindi, her ensign still flying,
of the old 7 h.p. car in front of the
jasmine-covered porch waiting to
take an old sea dog to the war, to
the strains of "Tom Bowling" in the
village hall.

"And now he's gone aloft."

JAPANESE
BUDGET

Yen 1,274,780,000 For
The Army

Tokyo, Dec. 17.
The estimates for the Army for
the 1940-41 fiscal year total Yen
1,274,780,000 including Yen 181,510,-
000 of ordinary expenditure and Yen
1,093,270,000 of extraordinary ex-
penditure.

Appropriations for new under-
takings include Yen 375,650,000 for
improvements in armaments, Yen
401,810,000 for replenishments in
Air Corps and air defences, Yen
20,000,000 for improvements in equip-
ments, and Yen 11,650,000 for other
purposes, totaling Yen 899,120,000—
Domest.

Manchukuo Budget

Hsinking, Dec. 17.
The Manchukuo Government on
Monday announced its Budget for
the 1940-41 fiscal year. The General
Budget totals Yuan 570,000,000 both
in revenue and expenditure and the
Extraordinary Budget totals Yuan
2,000,000,000 both in revenue and
expenditure. The net increase in the
total amounts to Yuan 600,000,000—
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H. Hamet.

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couple entertained at a re-
ception held at the Indian Re-
creation Club, Soekunpoo, where
they received a large group of
well wishers including the men's
and women's teams of the Hong-
kong Ball Club softball team,
of which the bride and groom are
members.

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LATE NEWS

H.K. Lady Tells Of N.Y.K. Disaster

LONDON, Nov. 28 (By Air Mail).—Mrs. Swales, Hongkong passenger aboard the N.Y.K. liner Terukuni Maru when it was blown up by a German mine, paid tribute to-day to Japanese members of the crew.

Mrs. Swales was helped into her lifebelt by Mr. W. Ferguson, a Singapore passenger.

She said: "While we were waiting to enter our lifeboats, Mr. Ferguson asked me where my lifebelt was. I told him it was down below, in my cabin."

"He immediately rushed downstairs and forced his way into the water-logged cabin and got one for me."

Mrs. Swales also paid tribute to the Japanese coxswain, Mr. K. Iwasaki, who had charge of the lifeboat in which she was saved.

"Although blood was streaming down his face," she said, "he gave all his orders quietly and calmly. Within a few minutes we were taken aboard a drifter."

"Among those injured was a member of the Japanese Embassy, as he passed me on a stretcher he smiled and said, 'I am so sorry, madam...'"

Only three were injured by the explosion which sank the liner, two of them first class passengers, who were Mr. B. Whiteaway, who joined the Terukuni Maru at Colombo, and Mr. C. R. H. Emery, who embarked at Gibraltar. The third was the Japanese coxswain.

Other British passengers, numbering 13 in all, included Mr. J. P. B. Jones, Mr. G. A. Williams, a Londoner, and 70-year-old Mrs. E. M. Huntley of Ware, Hertfordshire.

On board also were seven members of the crew of the Norwegian vessel Hoegh Transporter which sank in a British minefield at Singapore last month. They were Messrs. H. S. Hansen, O. Fransson, O. E. Mjelva, R. Wang, R. Hoberg, I. M. Holton and S. Christoffersen, who were being sent home.

There were 28 passengers altogether and a crew of 176, and no one was lost. They were in their lifeboats within 42 minutes of the explosion.

Captain B. Matukura, the Terukuni Maru's master, said he had five men posted as look-outs for mines and they saw none.

"I knew it was a mine," he said. "I would say it was a deep mine. It had been an ordinary floating mine at least one of my look-outs would have seen it. My own belief is that it was a magnetic mine."

"There was a terrific explosion, the bridge was shattered and the ship heeled over."

ELABORATE precautions to see that none of the rescued people spoke to anyone before they were interviewed by immigration officials were taken when passengers and crew from the Terukuni Maru arrived in London.

One of the passengers was Mr. P. D. Outwin, well-known in Far East, who hails from Scarborough and was on his way to join a Yorkshire regiment. He had boarded the Terukuni Maru at Singapore.

"IGNOMINIOUS," SAYS "Times"

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The "Times" says that the Admiral Graf Spee has come to a less glorious end than the brave Admiral whose name she commemorated.

"There would have been every justification for submitting to internment," the "Times" adds.

"Scuttled rather than surrendered" has been adopted as the maxim for German merchant ships encountering Allied warships. That is understandable, since the ship will be lost to Germany anyhow, and scuttling is the only means of preventing the enemy from benefiting.

"The unthinking application of that not very inspiring maxim in this case will appear neither sensible nor creditable."

The "Times" quotes a high British naval authority as saying that the fact that the German crew could not be brought to light and therefore went out and blew up the ship is most humiliating, than if they had submitted to internment.

"They have chosen an ignominious end," the "Times" adds.

"The Germans are a brave race, and this would not have happened in the old German Navy."

"The episode is humiliating for Germany. It has conversely shown that the behaviour of the British ships was admirable, and has revealed to the whole world the vitality of our race."

TACOMA CAPTAIN ARRESTED: NAZI CREW INTERNED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 17 (Domel).—By order of the Uruguayan Government, the captain of the German oil-tanker Tacoma was arrested as his ship entered port with the crew of the scuttled German pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee this morning.

Over 200 members of the Graf Spee's crew who were picked up by the Tacoma were interned when they landed.

The Tacoma carried out the rescue of the Graf Spee's crew under the surveillance of an Uruguayan cruiser and an Argentine cruiser.

The captain of the ship was ordered to take his ship back to Montevideo immediately upon completion of the rescue operations.

Langdorf Picked Up By Cruiser

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—A boat from an Argentinean cruiser picked up Captain Langdorf and the officers of the Admiral Graf Spee.

Earlier, there were conflicting reports regarding the fate of the Nazi Commander.

The German Legation in Montevideo announced that Captain Langdorf had gone down with his ship. Another Montevideo message reported that not only the captain but several of his officers had perished.

A Buenos Aires message states that Captain Langdorf was the last person to leave the ship.

The Admiral Graf Spee sank in 20 feet of water at the main anchorage, where she will be a serious hindrance to port traffic.

There is great indignation in Montevideo at the fact that the Nazis did not sink their ship at some more convenient spot, and many people think that an "incident" would result between the two countries, as it is believed that the Commander acted under orders from Berlin.

As the Admiral Graf Spee settled down, the escaping fuel oil set alight the superstructure, which were immersed in flames. In addition, the surface of the sea for some distance around the ship was still burning until 9.20 p.m.

The dramatic effect of the flames was enhanced by the constant explosions as the fire, which was also burning under water, reached the ship's magazines.

Before the Admiral Graf Spee was destroyed, five British planes flew over her.

SCUTTLED AS "PROTEST"

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Thousands of spectators saw the final explosions in the Admiral Graf Spee.

As parts of the ship lurched in all directions, the crowds ashore ran for shelter.

Before sailing, Captain Langdorf sent a letter to the German Minister, protesting bitterly against the Uruguayan Government's refusal to allow more time for repairs.

He added that, in view of the Government's attitude and his responsibility for the lives of a thousand men, his only course was to save the crew and blow up the vessel in the vicinity of Montevideo as a protest.

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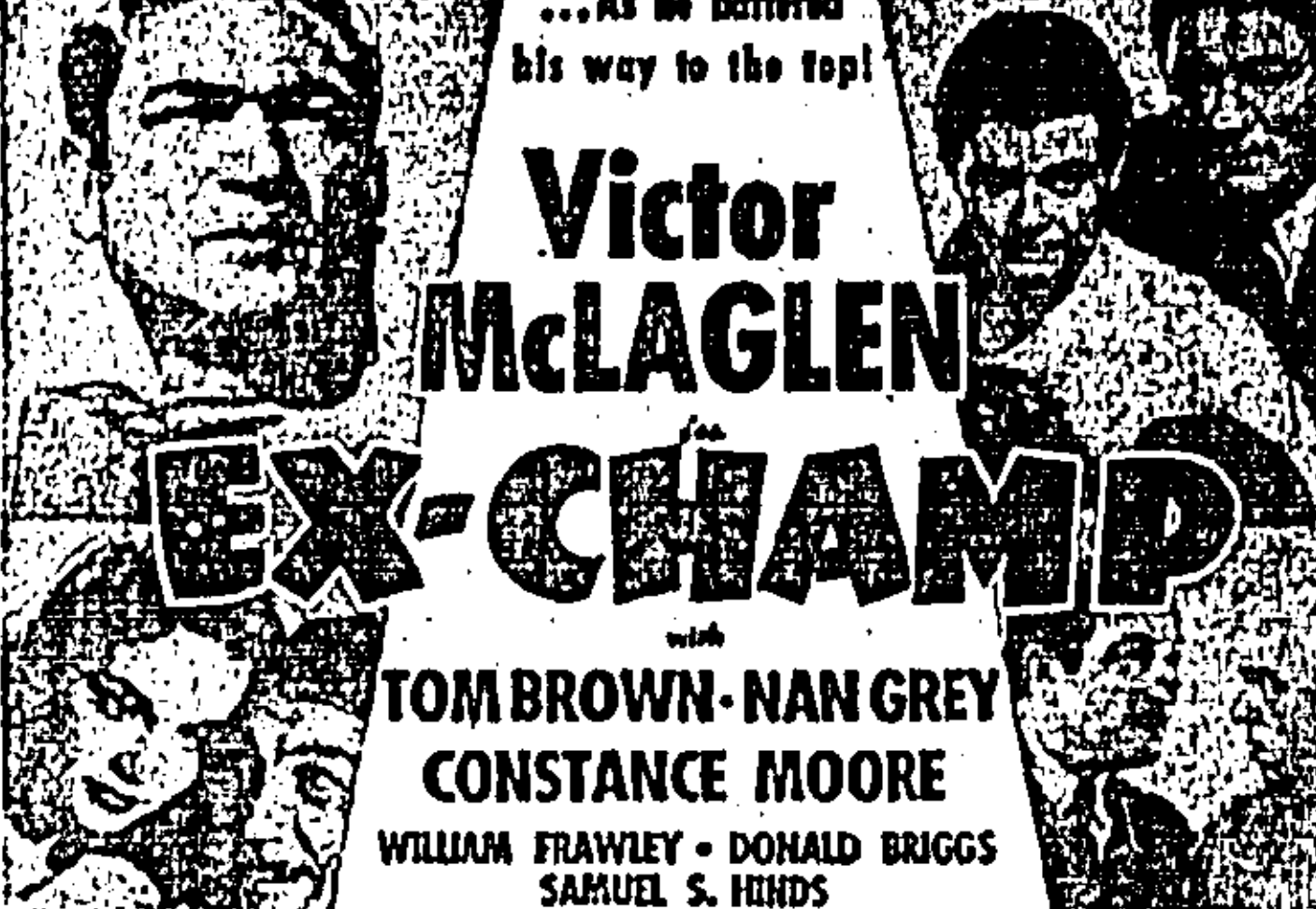
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German Commander Blows Up His Ship

GRAF SPEE SCUTTLED

Ship, Afire, Sinks Off Montevideo

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTEVIDEO, DEC. 16 (UP).—THE COMMANDER OF THE GERMAN POCKET BATTLESHIP, ADMIRAL GRAF VON SPEE HAS CARRIED OUT HIS THREAT, AND HAS SCUTTLED THE SHIP IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

THE GRAF SPEE IS IN FLAMES AND IS SINKING SLOWLY AFTER A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION ABOARD.

THE BATTLESHIP, WHICH RAN INTO MONTEVIDEO THREE DAYS AGO, BADLY CRIPPLED AFTER AN ENGAGEMENT WITH THREE BRITISH CRUISERS, CLEARED THE BREAKWATER AT 6.30 P.M. AND HEADED SOUTH.

She then rapidly turned to the west to the entrance of the Buenos Aires channel where she stopped.

Before the warship left Montevideo, her Commander is reported to have declared: "If I cannot clear the British blockade outside of the Montevideo Harbour I will sink the ship."

A few hours later a terrific explosion occurred aboard the Graf Spee and she was seen to be in flames and slowly sinking.

LEAVES HARBOUR

WESTERN FRONT

ACTIVITY INCREASES

Important Attack By Germans

PARIS, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—The Western Front is showing signs of increasing liveliness.

Further details of yesterday's German raid on a French post east of the Moselle show that it was of an important character and well-prepared.

A German company, which was probably reinforced by additional machine-gunners, launched a spirited attack, finally forcing an entrance to the post and taking two prisoners.

Post Is Retaken

When the French re-entered the post, they found the body of a German non-commissioned officer, who machine-guns and one sub-machine gun.

This is taken, in the absence of news to the contrary, to mean that the Germans took their wounded with them.

The Germans are also active west of the Vosges Forest, sending out a number of patrols, which operated till midnight.

These operations, according to the latest information, were without result.

"Nothing Important"

PARIS, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—A Paris communiqué states that there was reduced activity and that there was nothing important to report.

Patrols in Action

PARIS, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—Notwithstanding the opinion of neutral naval powers, particularly that of the United States and Italy, that the night off Uruguay was a triumph for Britain, the German press persists in holding it up as a brilliant success for Germany and is claiming it to have "incalculable" consequences.

The Italian Press, which devotes an extraordinary amount of space to the event, describes the battle as a clear strategic victory for the British warships.

JAPANESE SHIP RELEASED

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—The Sanyo Maru was released from the Contraband Control base after a stay of 24 hours.

According to the Ministry of Economic Warfare, it was only necessary to verify her cargo, which did not include any other goods of German origin, not covered by Japanese guarantees.

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—The Graf Spee sailed at 6.19 p.m. G.M.T.

THREAT TO SCUTTLE

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—The Montevideo wireless announced that the Graf Spee will be scuttled by her own crew at 11.30 p.m. G.M.T.

NAZI ADMISSIONS

BERLIN, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—For the first time Germany admits that 36 were killed aboard the Graf Spee.

The German news agency states that according to the reports reaching the High Command of the Germany Army 36 of the crew of the Graf Spee died in action.

Six members of the crew are seriously wounded and 53 lightly wounded.

Crew Transferred

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

Montevideo, Dec. 17 (UP).—Later reports received state that the Graf Spee entered the estuary to the River Plate where she halted and transferred her crew to the freighter, Tacoma.

Immediately afterwards two terrific blasts stove in the sides of the German battleship which burst into flames and sank immediately.

Ark Royal And Renown At Rio De Janeiro

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—H.M.S. Ark Royal and H.M.S. Renown have arrived at Rio de Janeiro.

Graf Spee Explodes Under Own Power

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 17 (Domel).—The Admiral Graf Spee began moving out of the harbour at 6.30 p.m. (8 a.m. H.K.T.) and sank under its own power outside harbour.

Sinking Of Graf Spee Confirmed

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (Domel).—A report reaching here confirms that the German pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee left the harbour of Montevideo and sank under its own power at a point 5 miles off the harbour at 7.25 p.m. to-day (6.55 a.m. H.K.T.).

Ark Royal And Renown Reach Rio De Janeiro

DJO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 17 (Domel).—The 22,000-ton aircraft carrier Ark Royal and the 32,000-ton battle-cruiser Renown unexpectedly entered port here to-day. They are understood to be proceeding to participate in the watch on the German battleship Graf Spee off Montevideo.

Exeter's Losses

Casualty List Issued By Admiralty

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 17 (UP).—The Admiralty has issued an official list of the dead on board H.M.S. Exeter.

The names of the officers include:—

Lieutenant-Commander John Bowman-Mantford

Paymaster Sub-Lieutenant Donald H. Tyler

Captain (Royal Marines) Humphrey R. D. Woods

Acting Sub-Lieutenant Clyde A. L. Morse (missing, believed killed)

These wounded include:—

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Acting Gunner Thomas Lynn

Paymaster Midshipman Leslie D. E. Needham and W. Penn-Gaskell

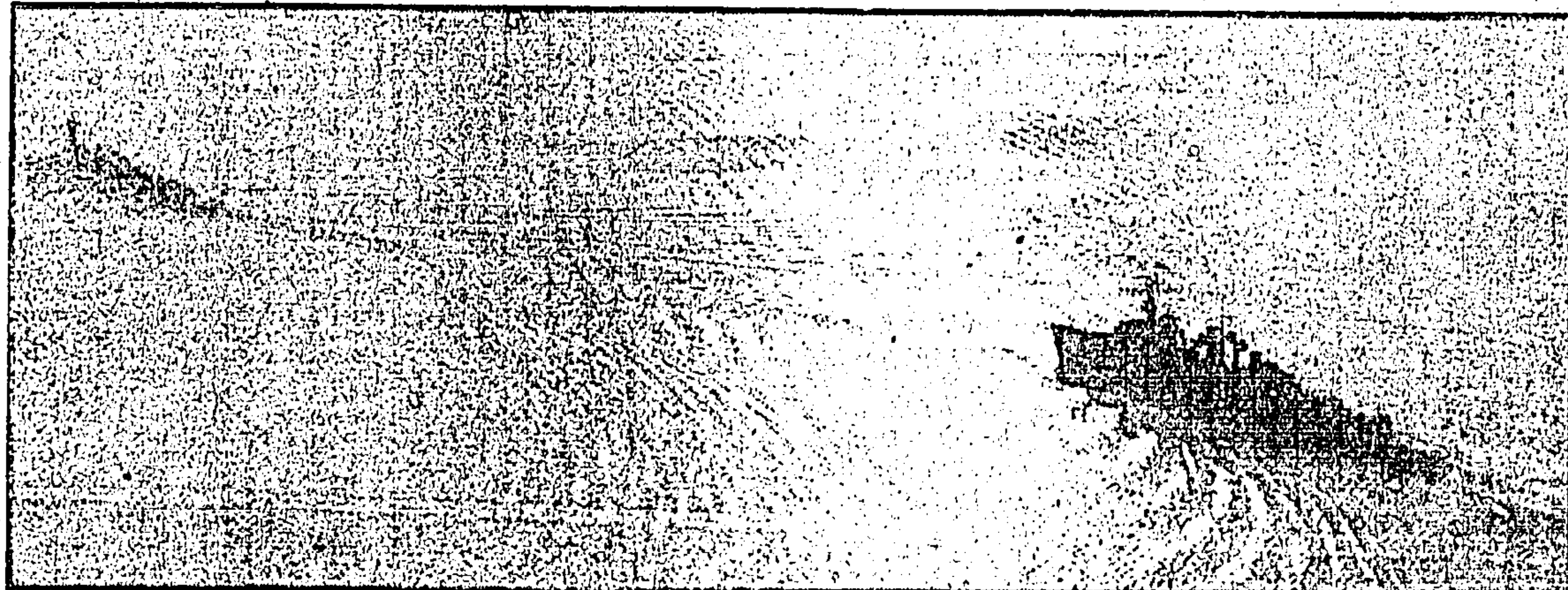
61 Killed, 23 Wounded

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that five officers were killed and three wounded, and that 50 ratings were killed and 20 wounded on H.M.S. Exeter during the engagement with the Graf Spee.

Purchasing Fleet Of Cargo Ships

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (Reuter).

Sir Ashley Sparke, representative of the British Ministry of Shipping, is understood to be the head of a delegation in New York negotiating to purchase a fleet of cargo vessels.



LIGHT CRUISERS OF THE GERMAN FLEET AT SEA.



A.R.P. workers on their way to an air raid rehearsal. Uniforms similar to these are to be worn by all men and women engaged on A.R.P. duties.

FINNS STUBBORNLY HOLDING OUT

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—A communiqué issued to-day states that the advance continues slowly on the Tolvaajeri front.

All Soviet attacks on the Karelian Isthmus were repulsed and heavy losses were inflicted on the Russian battalions at Loimola.

It is semi-officially announced that 176 tanks were destroyed or captured since the war began.

Successful Resistance

PARIS, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—Latest news here regarding the progress of the war in Finland shows that the Finns are successfully resisting in the Karelian Isthmus.

Near Lake Ladoga the Soviet attacks were repulsed. In the north, the Russians are making headway in their attempt to cut the country in two.

At least two Russian columns are active with this aim in view, and the opinion here is that they will be dangerous if they continue to make the present headway.

No Important Gains

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 17 (Reuter).

General Wallenius, commanding the Finnish forces in the north, told a correspondent of the "National

Finns Destroy Soviet Army's Prestige

NAZIS LOSE FAITH IN NEW ALLY: SWEDEN'S FEARS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 16 (UP).—Finland's stubborn resistance has dealt a severe blow to the prestige of the fabulous strength of the Soviet Russian armies. Throughout Europe, even in Germany, the reputation for invincibility of the huge Red military machine has been badly tarnished in the eyes of her neighbours.

By their valiant defence, the Finns have gone far to unmask the hugaboo and break the Russian steamroller. In one week, the tough little Finnish army has given the Red army reputation—a reputation enhanced by extreme secrecy—a distinct black eye.

This stubborn stand by the Finns against the colossal invader may have important political repercussions throughout Europe, and an effect on the future progress of the European war out of all proportion to the extent of this struggle.

On the Finnish aeroplane, on which I came from Sweden to Asbo from my original base on the Western Front, I talked with a young Finn who had lived in Berlin. He was returning to join the Finnish Army.

Germany's Doubts

He told me that the people of Germany are already beginning to ask themselves, "What is this so-called great military power with which we have allied ourselves, when little Finland can successfully resist? May we not be making such a good bargain after all in our pact with Russia?"

He said the mass of people in Germany have been seized with apprehension about the encroachment of Russia in the Baltic. They feel that it is meant to be directed work against Germany in the long run and will constitute a future menace to German security.

A Finnish girl travelled all the way from London on my plane to join the Finnish Women's Auxiliary Army. She was already dressed in high leather boots, and breeches, and hoped to go into service immediately.

80,000 Women War Workers

"We can work behind the lines which will release more men for service. Our organization numbers more than 80,000 women already. We do whatever work is necessary in order to put more men with rifles on the front line," she said.

At Asbo, workmen were busily boarding up windows as protection against bomb blasts. The streets were swarming with smart-looking soldiers in long gray overcoats. In every town along the railroad from Asbo to Helsingfors, there was visible evidence of military preparations.

The train itself was on a regular schedule, faster than most trains in England these days.

War's Darkest Blackout

Upon arrival in Helsingfors, I found the most complete blackout I have ever experienced. There was scarcely a glimmer of light in the town which has been two-thirds

NAZI PLANE RAIDS ON EAST COAST

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter).

The Air Ministry announced that enemy aircraft appeared at several points off the East Coast late in the afternoon.

A.A. guns were fired for a short time in the Humber district.

Fighters engaged the enemy and pursued them out to sea.

No air-raid warning was sounded.

evacuated. It was blacker even than London, which so far has held the "blackout" championship.

When I started to use my flashlight which I had used at the western front, an alert air warden immediately stopped me and gestured that the flash must be dimmed with fishing paper like his own.

Sweden's Apprehension

In Sweden I found great apprehension that the Soviets may attempt to drive through upper Finland and across Norway to secure ports on the Atlantic.

Besides the Finns who are flocking back from all over Europe to join the army, volunteers are coming in from all Scandinavian and Baltic States. On my plane were men from Estonia who had hidden in the engine-room of Estonian ships bound for Sweden.

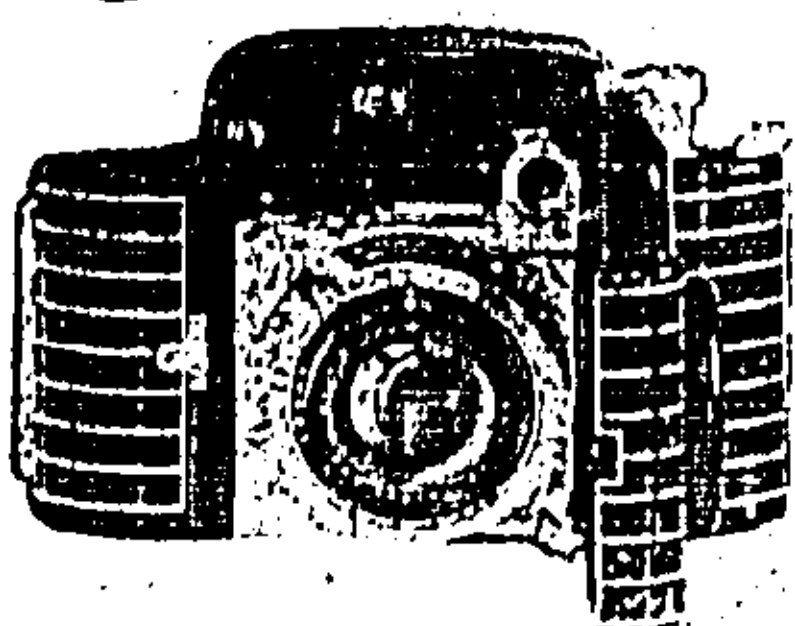
The Estonian captain had consented to hide them and keep their names off the passenger list in case of search by Soviet warships.

Kirov Out Of Action

They said they had seen in Tallinn the 20,000 ton Kirov, Russia's most modern and powerful cruiser, which had been damaged by Finnish coast artillery at Hangoo.

The Kirov's engine had been put out of commission by Finnish shells and it was reported that repairs might take many weeks.

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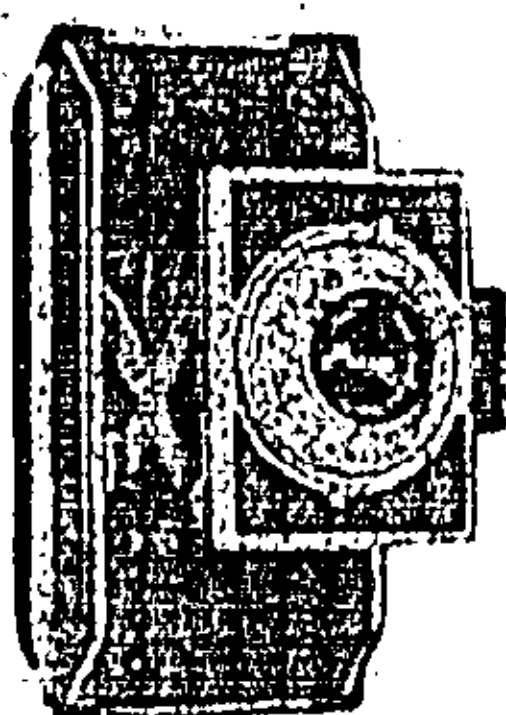


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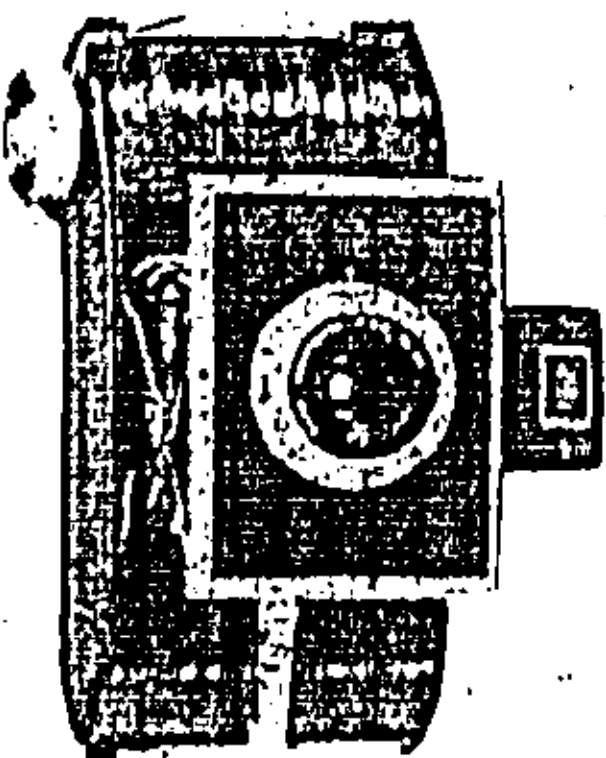
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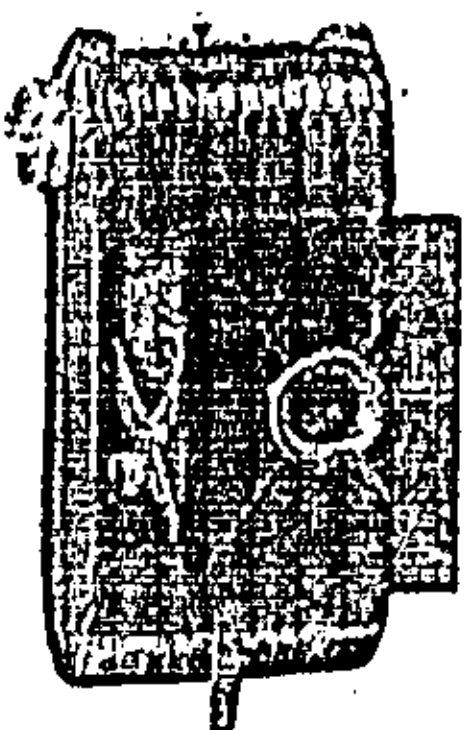
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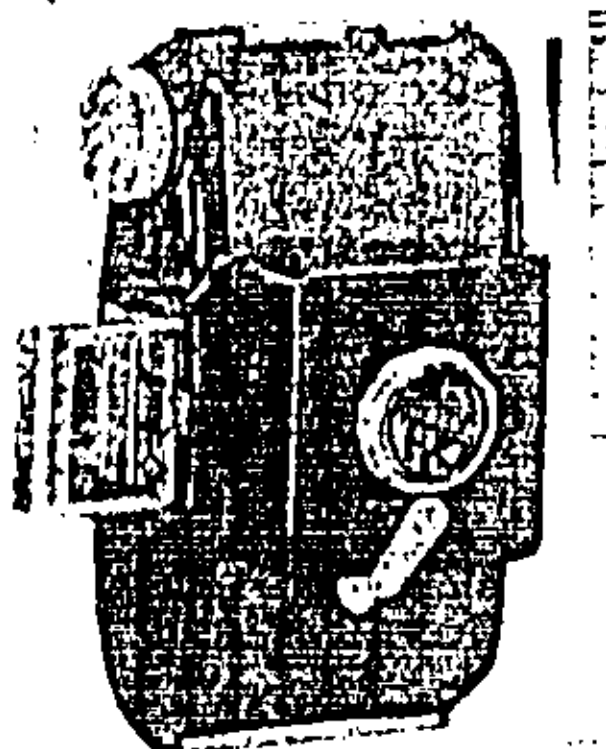
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ABSENCE OF RAIDS

WEIGHTY FACTS FOR GOERING

By Major F. A. de V. Robertson

LONDON.

One is constantly asked why there has hitherto been no whole-hearted air action by the bomber forces of either side. As regards our own reasons we cannot go beyond what the Prime Minister said in his broadcast recently. Our bomber force will be used at the proper time—that is to say, when it can be used with the greatest effect.

A bomber force is a sort of general reserve and is the most flexible of all arms. When a land battle is in progress its proper function is to attack the back areas of the enemy's army and hamper the moving up of reinforcement and munitions. It can at a moment's notice be switched over to attack factories and industrial areas. It can help the fleet, as the R.A.F. did when it raided Wilhelmshaven and badly damaged the Graf Spee, and as the Germans tried to do when they raided the Firth of Forth.

Our own bomber force, already strong, grows stronger every day as the factories turn out more machines and the training schools turn out more crews. When the time comes to use it it will be a very formidable striking force.

The German Air Force

As for the Germans' abstention from mass attacks on Britain and France, one can only make conjectures. But it is remarkable that, whereas the German Navy has abandoned all the rules of civilised warfare, the German Air Force has hitherto scrupulously respected them—since the start of the Polish campaign, apart from the dropping of mines by parachute. There have been no attempts to bomb residential areas, and in the raids on convoys the bombs have almost certainly been aimed at the naval escort ships—quite legitimate targets—and not at the merchantmen.

It may be that the German authorities are fully alive to the vulnerability of their country. The Ruhr, for instance, on which about 60 per cent of German heavy industries are based, is very vulnerable; and it may be that so far the Germans have abstained from provoking a great competition in bombing practice.

Inferior Equipment

They may conceivably also be restrained by tactical considerations. There is not the least doubt that in both bombers and fighters the German Air Force is less well equipped than the R.A.F. Taking bombers first, we have adopted the policy that bombers must be able to defend themselves, and, realising the difficulty of holding a machine-gun steadily in the rush of air at the present speeds of aircraft, we have fitted our bombers with gun turrets which are operated by the power of the engines, so that the gunner can swing his gun and himself in any direction without exertion.

The German bombers have not got power-operated turrets. They decided that bombers must rely on speed and evasion, and they have been proved wrong. They cannot beat off our fighters, while our bombers frequently driven off German fighters and have sometimes shot them down.

In fighters also we have a clear advantage. Our eight-gun fighters have been a great success, greater even than we had hoped. The German fighters have only four guns. Moreover, since the French captured a Messerschmitt 109 and tested it in mock combat against their own machines we have learnt that it is a bad aeroplane. Both the Curtiss and the Morane proved their superiority to the Messerschmitt, and we know that the Hurricane is better than either of the French fighters.

All these considerations may well give pause to Field Marshal Goering. Of course designers are busy on both sides. We must expect better German types to appear, but we shall also have better types to meet them. Finally, there is a difference in the men. There is a description for the German Air Force, but none for the R.A.F.

U.S. Labour Wants German Boycott

CINCINNATI.

A recommendation that the trade union boycott against German and Italian goods be reaffirmed is made in the annual report of the American Federation of Labour, issued to-day.

"We protest," it says, "against the persecution of minorities in the totalitarian nations. We protest against racial persecution and the development of racial hate. We plead for the substitution of freedom, democracy and tolerance among all the people in all nations throughout the world."

"We favour our nation offering our mediation services for peace," it states, "and we hope that the warring countries may be prevailed upon to accept them."

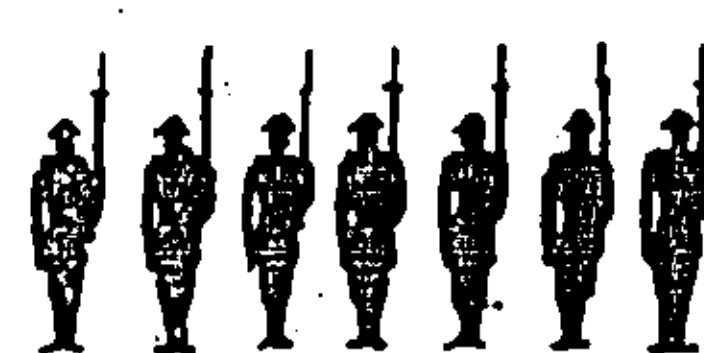
It is emphasised that the report was drafted before Germany's "peace offensive" opened, and the Federation is therefore in no way supporting Hitler's attempt to bring about the end of hostilities.

NEW YEAR FIREWORKS

Merrymakers greeting the New Year will not be hampered by restrictions on the use of fireworks as permission has been given for fireworks to be discharged from 11.45 p.m. on December 31 to 12.15 a.m. on January 1.

Somewhere in France

SECRETS of the transport of the British Expeditionary Force—revealed by Mr. Horace Belisha, Secretary for War, in the House of Commons.

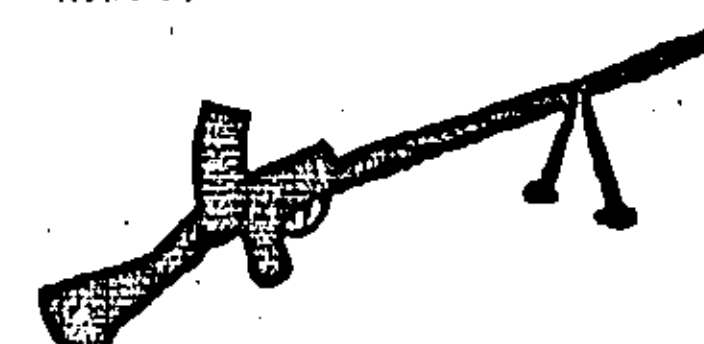


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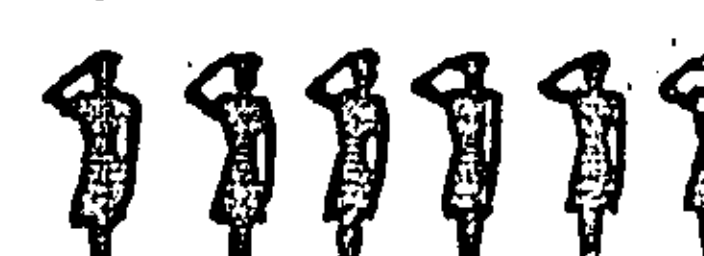
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First Man To Fight In Air Mexican Battle Recalled

NORFOLK, (UP).—Capt. Patrick N. L. Bellinger, commanding officer of the U.S. Naval air station here, piloted the first airplane struck by bullets in combat.

While flying at a low altitude over Vera Cruz during the Mexican trouble in 1914, Bellinger's Curtiss pusher seaplane was hit by bullets fired by ground troops.

Bellinger also is believed to be the first aviator to attack enemy soldiers from the air, even though the "bomb" he dropped was a cake of soap. Bellinger became angry when ground troops fired at his ship and he threw at them the first thing he could lay his hands on—a cake of soap.

The incident involving his plane when he first was shot at is mentioned in a recently published book, "Navy Men," by James Connolly, an old shipmate of Bellinger.

It was not until Bellinger had landed that he realised what a close call he had. Examination of the ship revealed three holes, bored by bullets in the fuselage of the plane.

The purpose of Bellinger's hops over Mexico were for observation.

Flying a plane in those days was a tough job. The old seaplane he flew had a top speed of about 60 miles an hour and its ceiling was about 1,000 feet.

Fighting back was almost out of the question. Keeping the plane in the air required all the pilot's time.

Many descendants of the old pusher type seaplane now are under Bellinger's command. But these craft, with their incredible speed, remarkable manoeuvrability and bristling guns, bear little resemblance to their ancestors.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The auditorium of Hop Yat Church was filled to its capacity on Saturday evening when the joint choir of Christ Church's Mandarin Service and Hop Yat Church presented a choral concert. The programme was in two parts, the first comprising selections from "The Creation," by Haydn, and the second, a variety of Christmas carols.

The recital will be repeated on December 20 at St. Andrew's Church.

UNIVERSITY CONCERT

The Hongkong University will hold its annual Christmas Carol Concert in the Great Hall of the University at 9 p.m. next Sunday, December 24.

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DUCHESS CASUALTIES

London, Dec. 16.
The Admiralty announced the total casualties of H.M.S. Duchess suffered in collision, six officers and 123 ratings missing, believed to be drowned.
Among the missing and believed to be drowned are Lieutenant-Commander R. C. M. White, Lieutenant G. W. Murray, Lieutenant J. M. Schofield, Lieutenant O. P. Tilden, Probationary Midshipman G. Kretschmer and Gunner T. H. P. Gordon.
—United Press.

ENEMY CRUISER HIT

London, Dec. 15.
Nazi warships are conveying a torpedoed German cruiser to German waters.
R.A.F. planes, which last night were engaged in battle with German warships, were searching for a damaged German cruiser which sent out an S.O.S. signal after being struck by a torpedo from the British submarine which had previously sighted the Bremen. The aerial battle resulted when the R.A.F. planes spotted the cruiser limping home and attacked it.—Reuter.

LATE NEWS

Starhemberg Is Ready To Fight

Cannes.
I TALKED to-day to Prince Starhemberg, Austrian aristocrat and friend of Mussolini who has offered to form a legion of Austrians living in France to fight against Germany.

He revealed that since he made it slowly realised that their teaching was barbaric.

"From 1933 I strongly opposed the undermining of Austrian independence. My unwavering principle was never to negotiate with the Nazis."

"When Hitler entered Austria in March, 1938, he found the younger elements avidly believing in his promise to make the country great within the German Empire."

"If a free plebiscite were held now, it is certain almost 100 per cent. would vote against Hitler."

"Reports reaching me from secret sources show that only the young and immature elements holding soft jobs now adhere to National Socialism in Austria."

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